

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 6th April 2025, Lent 5 Passion Sunday

On behalf of the Vestry and congregation we welcome you to St Peter's Episcopal Church to our service today.

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The words in **Bold Type** are said or sung by everyone.

There is no offertory collection during the service; if you wish to give an offering, please place in the plate at the right-hand side of the door as you enter the church. Many thanks.

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Introit Hymn: 90 O sacred head sore wounded

Collect: Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect(SPB) We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings: *The Old Testament Reading and the New Testament Reading are read by a member of the Readers Group*

First reading: (Page 706) Isaiah 43. 16-21
(SPB Hebrews 9.11)

Psalm: 126

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of[a] Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.
2. **Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.
Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**
3. The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.
4. **Restore our fortunes, Lord,
like streams in the Negev.**
5. Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
6. **Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen

<i>Second reading:</i>	(Page 249) Philippians 3.4-14
<i>Gradual hymn:</i>	92 There is a green hill far away
<i>Gospel acclamation:</i>	Alleluia! Alleluia! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Alleluia!
<i>Gospel:</i>	(Page 134) John 12.1-8 (SPB St John 8.46)
<i>Sermon:</i>	The Revd Canon Christine Fraser
<i>Intercessions:</i>	<i>Composed and prayed on behalf of the congregation by a member of the Intercessors Group</i>
<i>Peace:</i>	<i>A sign of the peace is exchanged.</i>
<i>Offertory hymn:</i>	341 Blest are the pure in heart
<i>Communion hymn:</i>	82 Drop, drop slow tears
<i>Prayer after Communion:</i>	Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen
<i>Blessing:</i>	Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.
<i>Recessional hymn:</i>	294 Just as I am

Notices:

All baptised Christians are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion, to receive bread alone, or to receive bread and drink from the chalice. All are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar. Gluten free wafers are available; please advise a sidesperson if you require this.

An Induction Loop is installed in church. Hearing aid users should adjust their aid to the T position. Large-print copies of the liturgy are available on request

Worship

Wednesday 9th April 10.00am Eucharist
Sunday 13th April 9.15am Eucharist (SPB)
 10.30am Sung Eucharist 1982 Liturgy)

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is installed in the building. Passwords and access codes are available. Please ensure though that any mobile devices are switched off or on silent mode during services and meetings. Many thanks.

Prayers for Healing: There will be a short service of Prayers for Healing and Anointing after the 10.30am service today.

Zumba: Zumba continues on Friday 11th April 2025 at 10.30am in the hall.

Craft Group: The group will continue on Monday 28th April at 1.30pm. Cost £2 per session, includes refreshments. All welcome. There will be an Easter craft sales table after the services today.

Fellowship Group: There will be no Fellowship meeting in April. The next one will be held on Thursday 22nd May at 2pm due to Ascension falling on 29th May this year. All welcome.

Study Group: The Lent Course concludes on 9th April after the 10am service, starting at 11am. Refreshments available before the session. All welcome. All welcome.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the lower meeting room.

Foodbank: Kirkcaldy Foodbank are always delighted to receive donations of dry goods and toiletries. Please place in the basket in the vestibule. They are also desperate for carrier bags, if you have some that you can spare, please also fold flat and place in the basket. Many thanks.

Flowers If you would like to donate towards the cost of flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one or a special anniversary, please speak to Janie Legge. There is no requirement to arrange the flowers, although Janie is always happy to advise anyone who would like to. The bookstall in the hall raises much needed funds for the Flower Fund; please support it if you can. 2 books for £1.

Prayer Group If you, or someone you know would like prayers said then please complete a slip and place in the woven box. Your request will be responded to.

Health and Safety: The Fabric Repairs Log, Risk Assessment Register, Accident Book and First Aid Kit are situated in the Kitchen.

Please pray for:

All those in our own congregation, their families or friends who are ill, housebound or whose year's mind falls this week. Archbishop Stephen and the Karen people in Burma, Thailand and Sheffield Registered Charity SCO10443 St Peter's Episcopal Church