

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 23rd August 2026, Pentecost 13 (Trinity 12)

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

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Introit Hymn: SP27 Give me joy in my heart

Collect: Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect(SPB) Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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

*First reading: (Page 56) Exodus 1.8-2.10
(SPB 2 Corinthians 3.4)*

Responsorial Psalm 124

1. What if the Lord had not been on our side?
Answer, O Israel!
2. **"If the Lord had not been on our side
when our enemies attacked us,**
3. then they would have swallowed us alive
in their furious anger against us;
4. **then the flood would have carried us away,
the water would have covered us,**
5. the raging torrent would have drowned us."
6. **Let us thank the Lord,
who has not let our enemies destroy us.**
7. We have escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap;
the trap is broken, and we are free!
8. **Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

**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 forever. Amen**

Second reading: (Page 200) Romans 12.1-8

Gradual hymn: SP33 I the Lord of sea and sky

*Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us that they are reconciled. Alleluia!***

*Gospel: (Page 24) Matthew 16.13-20
(SPB St Mark 7.31)*

Sermon: The Revd Canon Christine Fraser

Intercessions: Composed and prayed on behalf of the congregation by a member of the Intercessors Group

Peace: A sign of the peace is exchanged with our immediate neighbours

Offertory hymn: SP46 Make me a channel of your peace

Administration of Communion: **Communion will be offered in two kinds. In order to assist the chalice administrators please GUIDE the chalice by the bottom(not take the vessel from them) to receive wine.**

Communion hymn: SP51 Peace perfect peace

Prayer after Communion: **Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn: SP50 One more step along the world I go

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. Intinction is not permitted in this Diocese. 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:

Wed 26 th August	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 30 th August	9.15am	Eucharist (SPB)
	10:30 a.m.	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.

50th Anniversary

Celebrations: Saturday 5th September at 2pm Afternoon Tea
Sunday 6th September at 3pm 50th Anniversary Festival Eucharist and Dedication
Please RSVP(for catering) to Maria Page, Vestry Secretary using the reply card.
Invites available in the Vestibule

Zumba: Zumba continues in the hall after the summer break

Craft Group: Craft Group will continue on 24th August after the summer break. All welcome.

Gowrie House: The next service is on Wednesday 9th September at 2pm.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be on Sunday 13th September after the 10.30am service.

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 24th September at 2pm All welcome.

Book Group: The first meeting of the book group will take place on Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 2pm in the hall. Please bring along some title of books that you have enjoyed, to share with the group. Flyers with details in the hall, please take one.

Study Group: The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 11am. The next meeting is on 16th September 2026.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st September at 7.00pm in the lower meeting room.

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. Please continue to support the Flower Fund by purchasing books from the bookcase in the hall. £1 for two books. Many thanks.

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.

Kirkcaldy Foodbank: Perhaps you might consider contributing an extra tin or two to the basket in the vestibule. All donations welcome.

The Rector: For information, the Rector's rest day is a Friday and she will generally be away from Kirkcaldy. For URGENT pastoral issues, please leave a message on the Rectory phone and it will be attended to as soon as possible.

Hospital Visits. The local hospitals no longer allow access to their in-patient lists. If you, a relative or friend are admitted to hospital, please contact the Rector on 01592 204208 or cnfraser@btinternet.com and visits will be arranged

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