

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 28th September 2025, Harvest Thanksgiving

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: 262 We plough the fields and scatter

Collect: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect(SPB)

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they who have freely received of thy bounty may, of thy bounty, freely give; 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 179) Deuteronomy 8. 7-18
(SPB Deuteronomy 16.18)

Psalms:

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1. When the Lord brought us back to Jerusalem,
it was like a dream!
2. **How we laughed, how we sang for joy!
Then the other nations said about us,
“The Lord did great things for them.”**
3. Indeed he did great things for us;
how happy we were!
4. **Lord, make us prosperous again,
just as the rain brings water back to dry riverbeds.**
5. Let those who wept as they planted their crops,
gather the harvest with joy!
6. **Those who wept as they went out carrying the seed
will come back singing for joy,
as they bring in the harvest.
Praise the Lord!**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

Second reading:

(Page 263) 1 Timothy 2. 1-7

Gradual hymn:

261 To thee O Lord, our hearts we raise

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! ‘The seed is the word of God,’ says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: (Page 10) Matthew 6.25-33
(SPB St Mathtew 6.28)

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.*

Offertory hymn: 285 For the beauty of the earth

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: 264 All things bright and beautiful

Prayer after Communion: **God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries, may we with our lives give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing: The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; 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: 259 Come ye thankful people come

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

Wednesday 1st October 10.00am Eucharist

Sunday 5th October 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.

Zumba: Zumba will resume in September, date to be confirmed.

Craft Group: The group will meet at 2pm on 29th September 2025 in the hall All welcome.

Gowrie House: The next service is on Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 2pm. All welcome.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be on 5th October after the 10.30am service.

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 29th October at 2pm in the small meeting room. All welcome.

Study Group: The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 11am. The next meeting is on 15th October 2025

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th October 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.

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.

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