

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 30th November 2025, Advent 1

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:

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Lo he comes with clouds descending

Lighting the

Advent Candle:

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors, to you be praise and glory for ever!

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The candle is lit.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:**

**Be born in our hearts this Christmas-tide,
be king of our lives today. Amen**

Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect(SPB)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Readings:

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

First reading:

*(Page 671) Isaiah 2.1-5
(SPB Romans 13.8)*

Second reading:

(Page 201) 1 Romans 13.11-14

Gradual hymn:

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Gospel acclamation:

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and show us
your saving help. Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 36) Matthew 24.36-44
(SPB St Matthew 21.1)

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: 6 Hark the glad sound

Communion hymn: 3 Come thou long expected Jesus

Prayer after Communion: **God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Blessing: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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: 408 Love divine all love's exceling

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 3 rd Dec	10.00am	Midweek Eucharist
Sun 7 th Dec	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.

Zumba: Zumba will take place on Friday 12th December at 10.30am in the hall. All welcome.

Craft Group: The group will meet at 2pm on 1st December 2025 in the hall All welcome.

Gowrie House: The next service is on Wednesday 17th December at 2pm. All welcome.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be on Sunday 14th December after the 10.30 service

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 29th January 2026 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 17th December.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the lower meeting room.

Richard Ouston Memorial Service: Richard's memorial service will take place at 12noon on Friday 5th December. All welcome.

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.

St Peters AGM: The Annual General Meeting of St Peter's Episcopal Church will be held immediately after the 10.30am service on Sunday 7th December 2025. Nomination forms for Vestry vacancies will shortly be available from the Vestry Secretary. Completed forms must be returned to the Rector, Vestry Chairperson or Vestry Secretary before the 10.30am service on 7th December. Nominees must be Lay Communicant Members, proposed and seconded and be willing to stand for the position.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn on 21st December after the Carol Service. Donations most welcome. Please place in the boxes provided. Many thanks.