

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

- John 14:6

Sunday 3rd May 2026, Easter 5

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

Christine Fraser, Rector.

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Introit Hymn: 437 Praise the Lord ye heavens adore him

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect(SPB) O almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; 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 157) Acts 7.55-60
(SPB St James 1.17)

Responsorial Psalm: 31.1-5,15-16

1. I come to you, Lord, for protection; never let me be defeated.
You are a righteous God; save me, I pray!

2. Hear me! Save me now!
Be my refuge to protect me; my defence to save me.

3. You are my refuge and defence;
guide me and lead me as you have promised.

4. Keep me safe from the trap that has been set for me;
shelter me from danger.

5. I place myself in your care.
You will save me, Lord; you are a faithful God.

15. I am always in your care; save me from my enemies,
from those who persecute me.

16. Look on your servant with kindness;
save me in your constant love.

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 294) 1 Peter 2.2-10

Gradual hymn: 416 O God of Bethel

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the father except through me. Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 137) John 14.1-14
(SPB St John 16.15)

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: 490 Judge eternal throned in splendour

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: 285 For the beauty of the earth

Prayer after Communion: **God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Blessing: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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: 338 At the name of Jesus

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 6 th May	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 10 th May	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 continue on Friday 8th May at 10.30am in the hall. All welcome

Craft Group: Craft Group will continue on Monday 4th May at 2pm in the small meeting room. All welcome.

Gowrie House: The next service is on Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 2pm.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be on 10th May after the 10.30am service

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 28th May All welcome.

Ascension: There will be a service to commemorate Ascension on Thursday 14th May 2026 at 2pm. All welcome.

Study Group: The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 11am. The next meeting is on 20th May 2026.

West Fife Area Council: The next meeting of West Fife Area Council will be held on Thursday 21st May 2026 at 7.30pm in St Pauls, Kinross. Speaker The Bishop. All welcome.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th May 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.

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.