

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 8th March 2026, Lent 3

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

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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.

Introit Hymn: 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through 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, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; 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 74) Exodus 17.1-7*
 (SPB Ephesians 5.1)

Responsorial Psalm: *95*

1. Come, let us praise the Lord!
Let us sing for joy to God, who protects us!
2. **Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and sing joyful songs of praise.**
3. For the Lord is a mighty God,
a mighty king over all the gods.
4. **He rules over the whole earth,
from the deepest caves to the highest hills.**
5. He rules over the sea, which he made;
the land also, which he himself formed.
6. **Come, let us bow down and worship him;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**
7. He is our God; we are the people he cares for,
the flock for which he provides.
Listen today to what he says:
8. **“Don't be stubborn, as your ancestors were at Meribah,
as they were that day in the desert at Massah.**
9. There they put me to the test and tried me,
although they had seen what I did for them.
10. **For forty years I was disgusted with those people.
I said, ‘How disloyal they are!
They refuse to obey my commands.’**
11. I was angry and made a solemn promise:
‘You will never enter the land
where I would have given you rest.’”

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 192) Romans 5.1-11

Gradual hymn: 486 We have a gospel to proclaim

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord, you are really the Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I may never get thirsty. 'Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 120) John 4.5-26
(SPB St Luke 11.14)

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: 374 How sweet the sound of Jesus sounds

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: 307 Sweet sacrament divine

Prayer after Communion: **God of our pilgrimage, we have found the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forth on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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: 76 Take up thy cross the Saviour said

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 11 th March	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 15 th March	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 13th March 2026 at 10.30am

Craft Group: Craft Group will continue on Monday 9th March at 2pm.

Gowrie House: The next service is on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 2pm.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be on Sunday 12th April after the 10.30am service

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 26th March 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 18th March 2026.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th April 2026 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.

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