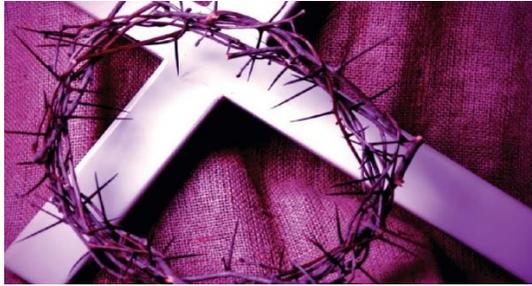


St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 22nd March 2023, Lent 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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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: 92 There is a green hill far away

Collect: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect(SPB) We beseech thee, almighty | God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; 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 838) Ezekiel 37.1-14*
(SPB Hebrews 9.11)

Responsorial Psalm: *130*

1. From the depths of my despair I call to you, Lord.
2. **Hear my cry, O Lord;
listen to my call for help!**
3. If you kept a record of our sins,
who could escape being condemned?
4. **But you forgive us,
so that we should stand in awe of you.**
5. I wait eagerly for the Lord's help,
and in his word I trust.
6. **I wait for the Lord
more eagerly than sentries wait for the dawn—
than sentries wait for the dawn.**
7. Israel, trust in the Lord,
because his love is constant
and he is always willing to save.
8. **He will save his people Israel
from all their sins.**

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 195) Romans 8.6-11*

Gradual hymn: 90 O sacred head sore wounded

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die. 'Alleluia!**

Gospel: *(Page 133) John 11. 1-16*
(SPB St John 8.46)

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: 272 All for Jesus

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: 82 Drop, drop slow tears

Prayer after Communion: **God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen**

Blessing: Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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: 470 To the name that brings salvation

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 25 th March	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 29 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 27th March 2026 at 10.30am

Craft Group: Craft Group will continue on Monday 23rd March at 2pm.

Bishop's Lent Appeal: The Lent Appeal is in support of Christian Aid's work in Burkina Faso, one of the poorest and least well-known countries in north-west Africa. With local churches and other partners, Christian Aid's work is helping farming communities which are being devastated by climate change, to adapt and change in the face of these changes. There will be the opportunity to contribute to this at a retiring collection on Easter Sunday 5th April. Many thanks for your generosity.

Gowrie House: The next service is on Wednesday 1st April 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 15th April 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