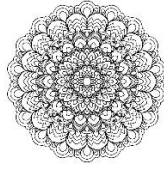


.St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 26th July 2026, Pentecost 9 (Trinity 8)

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

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Introit Hymn: 433 O worship the king

Collect: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Collect(SPB) O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; 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 30) Genesis 29 15-28
 (SPB Romans 8.12)

1. Give thanks to the Lord,
proclaim his greatness;
tell the nations what he has done.
2. **Sing praise to the Lord;
tell the wonderful things he has done.**
3. Be glad that we belong to him;
let all who worship him rejoice.
4. **Go to the Lord for help;
and worship him continually.**
- 5-6. You descendants of Abraham, his servant;
you descendants of Jacob, the man he chose:
remember the miracles that God performed
and the judgments that he gave.
7. **The Lord is our God;
his commands are for all the world.**
8. He will keep his covenant forever,
his promises for a thousand generations.
9. **He will keep the agreement he made with Abraham
and his promise to Isaac.**
10. The Lord made a covenant with Jacob,
one that will last forever.
11. **"I will give you the land of Canaan," he said.
"It will be your own possession."**

**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 8.26-39

Gradual hymn: 285 For the beauty of the earth

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! call you friends, says the Lord, because I have
made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 20) Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

(SPB St Matthew 7.15)

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: 439 Praise to the holiest in the height

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 grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Blessing: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: 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 29 th July	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 2 nd August	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 continues in the hall after the summer break

Craft Group: Craft Group will continue after the summer break. All welcome.

Gowrie House: The next service is on Wednesday 12th August at 2pm.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be on 2nd August after the 10.30am service.

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 30th July at 2pm All welcome.

Study Group: The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 11am. The next meeting is on 16th August 2026.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th August 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:

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