



St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

Welcome to our worship

7th August 2022, Pentecost 9

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (Scottish Prayer Book Page 326)

Celebrant, The Very Revd Graham Taylor, Rector

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** (Revised Scottish Liturgy 1982)

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Order of Service

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First Readings	Genesis 15. 1-6, Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16
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*You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee
in the Threshold after the 10.30 am service*

The Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

A reading from Genesis 15. 1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”

But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

A reading from Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They

confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12. 32-40

Glory to Christ our Saviour

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Forthcoming Services

Every Thursday, 11 a.m. *Holy Communion* followed by coffee and chat.

Sunday 14th August

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 10

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 21st August

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 11

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist and Healing

**The collection for Perth Prison is ongoing -
the box is at the back of the Church.**

**We are very happy to inform you that plans are underway to resume
permanent provision for children in Church.**

Monday 8th August at 7 – 8.30 p.m. *International Café* join us for a summer outdoor
café (indoors if wet) at The Bield, Blackruthven, Perth PH1 1PY. Free transport leaves
Esolperth, Drummond House, 6 Scott Street, Perth at 6.50 p.m. All welcome.

**The collection for the Bethany Christian Trust amounted to £145.
Thank you to everyone.**

**St John the Baptist Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth.
Rector – The Very Reverend Graham S. Taylor
Assistant Curate – Reverend Annie MacKay Hughes**

Clergy can be contacted through the Church office on 01738 634999

The Church Administrator is in the Office:

Mondays 2 – 5 pm

Tuesdays 9 am – 1 pm

Thursdays 1 – 4 pm

Rector's day off – FRIDAYS

Assistant Curate's day off – MONDAYS

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