



St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

Welcome to our worship

1st December, 2024, Advent Sunday

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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| Processional hymn | 480 O come, O come, Emmanuel Lighting the Advent Candle (See separate sheet) |
| Welcome | |
| Kyrie | Page 6 |
| Collect | Overleaf |
| First Readings | Jeremiah 33. 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13 |
| Gradual Hymn | 128 Come, thou long-expected Jesus |
| Gospel | Luke 21. 25-36 |
| Sermon | Revd Annie Mackay Hughes |
| Nicene Creed | Page 7 |
| Intercessions | Alan McPherson |
| Peace | Page 8 |
| Offertory Hymn | 557 People, look east |
| Eucharistic Prayer II | Pages 12 - 14 |
| Lord's Prayer | Page 28 |
| Communion Song | Page 29 |
| Communion | <i>All are welcome</i> |
| Communion Hymn | 343 Jesu, lover of my soul |
| Post Communion Prayer | Overleaf and pages 29-30 |
| Recessional Hymn | 405 Lo, he comes with clouds descending |
| Dismissal | Page 30 |

*You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee
in the Threshold after the 10.30 am service*

The Collect

Stir up your power, Lord, and come: that, with you as our protector, we may be rescued from our sins; and with you as our deliverer, we may be set free; for you live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

A reading from Jeremiah 33. 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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 21. 25-36

Glory to Christ our Saviour

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when

you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen

Tuesday 3rd December at 10.30 a.m. ***The Prayer Group*** will meet at 35 St Mary’s Drive, Perth. As always new members very welcome, if possible, please let Ruth know. Email: ruth42caroline@gmail.com

Thursday 5th, 12th and 19th December at 12.30. ***Advent Study – The Life in the Comma***, deepening your understanding of Jesus by John L Bell. A light lunch will follow.

Sunday 8th December. A short reminder that the AGM will take place after the 10.30 a.m. morning service. The Annual Report for submission to OSCR and the minutes for 2023 AGM are available at the back of the Church for viewing but please do not remove the copies.

Monday 9th December at 2.30 pm. ***St John’s Fellowship*** in the Threshold. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Forthcoming Services

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

Sunday 8th December

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Saturday 14th December

4.00 pm

Christingle Service

Sunday 15th December

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist with healing prayers

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Rector – The Very Reverend Graham S. Taylor
Assistant Priests – Reverend Annie MacKay Hughes
Reverend Mariusz Wojciechowski

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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

Revd Annie's day off – MONDAYS

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