



St John the Baptist  
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

## *Welcome to our worship*

12<sup>th</sup> January 2025, First Sunday after Epiphany: the  
Baptism of the Lord

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)  
Celebrant, Revd Annie MacKay Hughes, Assistant Priest

### *Order of Service*

<b>Processional hymn</b>	<b>565 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven</b>
Welcome	
Gloria	Page 6 and 7
Collect	Overleaf
First Readings	Isaiah 43. 1-7; Acts 8. 14-17
<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	<b>506 O let the Son of God enfold you</b>
Gospel	Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22
Sermon	Dean Graham Taylor
Nicene Creed	Page 7
Intercessions	Judy Norwell
Peace	Page 8
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>527 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry</b>
Eucharistic Prayer I	See Pages 9 - 11
Lord's Prayer	Page 28
Communion Song	Page 29
Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>150 Do not be afraid</b>
Post Communion Prayer	Overleaf and pages 29-30
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>716 We have a gospel to proclaim</b>
Dismissal	Page 30

*You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee  
in the Threshold after the 8.30 am 10.30 am service*

### *The Collect*

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we, being born again, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

### *A reading from Isaiah 43. 1-7*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### *A reading from Acts 8. 14-17*

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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 3. 15-17, 21-22***

Glory to Christ our Saviour

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## ***Post Communion Prayer***

**Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name.**

**Amen**

# *Forthcoming Services and Events*

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

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist and healing prayers

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January** at 12.30 p.m. ***St John's Fellowship Lunch*** in the Threshold.

Could all those hoping to attend please let Joyce or Jean know over coffee after the service or ASAP. Many thanks.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January** at 7 – 8.30 p.m. ***International Café*** in the Civic Hall, 2 High

Street, Perth PH1 5PH. 10,000 Angels – A Children's Global Tapestry for Peace. A presentation on this inspiring project. More details on the noticeboard All Welcome.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January** – or as soon as possible thereafter **all final entries for Quest.**

All entries to the editor, Mr David Willington. [dwillington@hotmail.com](mailto:dwillington@hotmail.com)

## **St John the Baptist Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth.**

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**Tuesdays 9 am – 1 pm**

**Thursdays 1 – 4 pm**

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**Revd Annie's day off – MONDAYS**

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