

# St John the Baptist Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth Welcome to our worship

19th October 2025, Pentecost 19

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, The Very Revd Graham Taylor, Rector

Order of Service

Processional hymn 662 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Welcome

Prayers of Healing See Separate Sheet

Healing Hymn 938 O Lord, hear my prayer

Gloria Pages 6-7
Collect Overleaf

First Readings Jeremiah 31. 27-34; 2 Timothy 3. 14-4.5

Gradual Hymn 418 Lord, teach us how to pray aright

Gospel Luke 18. 1-8

**Sermon** Bishop Bruce Cameron

Nicene Creed Pages 7-8

Intercessions Gordon Murch

Peace Page 8

Offertory Hymn 323 In heavenly love abiding

Eucharistic Prayer V Pages 19-20 Lord's Prayer Page 28 Communion Song Page 29

Communion All are welcome

**Communion Hymn**Post Communion Prayer
Overleaf and pages 29-30

Recessional Hymn 428 Love divine, all loves excelling

Dismissal Page 30

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

#### The Collect

Almighty and merciful God: in your goodness keep from us all that is harmful; that, being ready both in body and soul, we may freely accomplish your will; through 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 Jeremiah 31. 27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### A reading from 2 Timothy 3. 14 – 4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people

will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 18. 1-8

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Prayer tree requests will be kept and prayed for at the Prayer Group for two consecutive months. After that they will be destroyed. So if you have a request that is still ongoing after two months, please could you put another request on the tree or else speak to Ruth.

You are invited to complete a Green Ticket and place it in the offering plate whenever you make a change to reduce your carbon emissions. Booklets explaining the scheme are available at the back of the church.

### Forthcoming Services and Events

Every Thursday, 11 a.m. *Holy Communion (1982)* followed by coffee and chat.

Sunday 26th October

8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m. Pentecost 20

Holy Communion Sung Eucharist

Pentecost 21

Holy Communion Sung Eucharist All Souls' Day Service

<u>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025</u>. *All Souls' Day service* will take place at 3 pm in St John's the Baptist Church. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for anyone who wishes to commemorate their loved ones.

Volunteers required to help at the *Warm Spaces Project*. This will take place from Mid/End November to end of March 2026, Wednesdays 1-3 pm. For further information please speak to Jackie Thomson.

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

Rector – The Very Reverend Graham S. Taylor
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Clergy can be contacted through the Church office on 01738 634999
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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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