



St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

Welcome to our worship

30th November, 2025, 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

Processional hymn	480 O come, O come, Emmanuel Lighting the Advent Candle (See separate sheet)
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First Readings	Isaiah 2. 1-5; Romans 13. 11-14
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*You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee
in the Threshold after the 8.30 am and 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 Isaiah 2. 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from Romans 13. 11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24. 36-44

Glory to Christ our Saviour

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the

Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore 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

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**

It is with great sadness we hear the news of the death of Jack Connell. The funeral will take place on Monday 15th December 2025 at Perth Crematorium at 11 a.m. All welcome. We remember Jack and his family in our prayers.

Tuesday 2nd 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

Wednesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th December at 7 pm. ***Advent Reflections*** at St John's. Sherry and nibbles will be served at 6.30 pm. ***Longing for the Light.***

Sunday 7th December. ***St John's AGM*** will take place after the 10.30 am service. All welcome to attend.

Monday 8th December at 2.30 pm. ***St John's Fellowship*** in the Threshold. This will take the usual pattern of Christmas music and food. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Sunday 14th December. Mince pies will be served in the Threshold after the 10.30 am service in aid of Christian Aid.

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 14th December

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 21st December

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols.

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Jean Hendry will be organising the next coffee rota from January – March and hopes to have it ready by 14th December. Please let her know your availability/non availability and any preferred dates. Also if anyone wants to be added to the rota please speak with Jean.

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Rector – The Very Reverend Graham S. Taylor

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Reverend Mariusz Wojciechowski

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The Church Administrator is in the Office:

Mondays 2 – 5 pm

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Thursdays 1 – 4 pm

Rector's day off – FRIDAYS

Revd Annie's day off – MONDAYS

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