



St John the Baptist  
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

# Welcome to our worship

25<sup>th</sup> January 2026, Third Sunday after Epiphany

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**

Welcome

Gloria

Collect

First Readings

**Gradual Hymn**

Gospel

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Intercessions

Peace

**Offertory Hymn**

Eucharistic Prayer I

Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion

**Communion Hymn**

Post Communion Prayer

**Recessional Hymn**

Dismissal

**286 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty**

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Overleaf

Isaiah 9. 1-4; 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18

**319 In Christ there is no east or west**

Matthew 4. 12-23

Revd Mariusz Wojciechowski

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Ranald Noel-Paton

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**375 King of glory, King of peace**

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***All are welcome***

**315 Immortal love, for ever full**

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**32 And can it be**

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

## *The Collect*

**Almighty and eternal God, behold us in our weakness: and stretch out your hands to protect us; 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 Isaiah 9. 1-4*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

## *A reading from 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**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 4. 12-23***

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## ***Post Communion Prayer***

**Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**Amen**

**Dean Graham will be taking a few days leave during the period of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January until Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February inclusive.**

**Bishop Bruce will be available on  
01738 441172 if you have any pastoral requirements.**

# *Forthcoming Services and Events*

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

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **The presentation of the Lord**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

## **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January** - Postponed from 4 October, ***Diocesan Gathering***, Sowing Seeds of Hope, St Ninian's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.; To register, email [bethanyn@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:bethanyn@scotland.anglican.org)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** 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](mailto:ruth42caroline@gmail.com)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March** 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. ***Sound and Sense*** presented by John Bell and Jane Bentley from the Iona Community. Further information to follow.

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

**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**