



St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth
Welcome to our worship
26th April 2026, Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

The Collect

O God, the light of whose truth stretches out to those who go astray, that they may return to the path of righteousness: give your grace to all who profess themselves Christians, that they may cast out what is harmful, and pursue all that gives life; 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 Acts 2. 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 Peter 2. 19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10. 1-10

Glory to Christ our Saviour

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

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.

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.

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 3rd May

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

5th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 10th May

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

6th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Save the date

Friday 8th May – Concert

Yorkshire Mixtures – Mozart to Mama Mia

All money raised going to St John's

**Volunteers required to help with this event and
also donations for raffle prizes required**

Tuesday 5th May 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

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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

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This enables the Church to recover 25p in the pound.

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