



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

12th July 2026, Pentecost 7

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion** (Scottish Prayer Book Page 326)
Celebrant, The Revd Canon Dr Carrie Applegath

10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** (Revised Scottish Liturgy 1982)
Celebrant, The Revd Mariusz Wojciechowski, Assistant Priest

Order of Service

Processional hymn	108 Colours of day
Welcome	
Gloria	Pages 6-7
Collect	Overleaf
First Readings	Genesis 25. 19-34; Romans 8. 1-11
Gradual Hymn	484 O for a heart to praise my God
Gospel	Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23
Sermon	Dean Graham
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Offertory Hymn	Take this moment (see separate sheet)
Eucharistic Prayer I	See Pages 9-11
Lord's Prayer	Page 28
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Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
Communion Hymn	34 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you good things no eye has seen: pour into our hearts such love of you, that, by loving you in all things and above all things, we may be worthy of your promises, which surpass all we can desire; 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 Genesis 25. 19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.'

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from Romans 8. 1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and

peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 13. 1-9, 18-23

Glory to Christ our Saviour

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 19th July

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 8

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist with healing prayers

Sunday 26th July

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 8 – Sea Sunday

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 19th July – or as soon as possible thereafter **all final entries for Quest.** All entries to the editor, Mr David Willington.

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David Mackenzie Mills supports someone with Alzheimer's who lives in Perth and has run a number of international marathons. **On 8th August**, they will both be running 10 kilometres at Perth Airport. This is a sponsored event in aid of the Scottish Charities Air Ambulance.

David would be very grateful for any donations towards his £150 target. You can find details of how to do so on his Facebook page. Thanks very much indeed for your support!

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THE ADMINSTRATOR WILL BE ON LEAVE 13 – 16 JULY INCLUSIVE

Rector's day off – FRIDAYS