



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

19th July 2026, Pentecost 8

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	662 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Welcome	
Prayers for Healing	See Separate Sheet
Healing Hymn	938 O Lord, hear my prayer
Gloria	Pages 6-7
Collect	Overleaf
First Readings	Genesis 28. 10-19a; Romans 8. 12-25
Gradual Hymn	491 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Gospel	Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43
Sermon	Bishop Bruce
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Offertory Hymn	466 Nearer, my God, to thee
Eucharistic Prayer V	See Pages 19-20
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Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
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Post Communion Prayer	Overleaf and pages 29-30
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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 of power and might, all good things belong to you: sow in our hearts the love of your name, and make us grow in the life of faith; nurture the things that are good, and tend them with your loving care; 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 28. 10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

A reading from Romans 8. 12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the

revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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. 24-30, 36-43

Glory to Christ our Saviour

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.""

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 26th July

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 8 – Sea Sunday

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 2nd August

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 9

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

**Please note the next Vestry Meeting is taking place on
Thursday 23rd July 2026**

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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Rector's day off – FRIDAYS

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