



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

13th September 2026, Season of Creation 2

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

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

Order of Service – Please follow separate booklet

Proclamational hymn	565 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
Welcome	
Gloria	
Collect	
First Readings	Exodus 14. 19-31; Romans 14. 1-12
Gradual Hymn	361 Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives
Gospel	Matthew 18. 21-35
Sermon	Bishop Bruce Cameron
Nicene Creed	
Intercessions	Rhiannon Miller
Peace	
Offertory Hymn	408 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
Eucharistic Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	
Communion Song	
Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
Communion Hymn	437 Make me a channel of your peace
Post Communion Prayer	
Recessional Hymn	249 Great is thy faithfulness
Dismissal	

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

A reading from Exodus 14. 19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

A reading from Romans 14. 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to 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 18. 21-35

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that

debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.



It is with great sadness we hear the news of the death of Alastair Cruickshank on Saturday 5th September 2026. Alastair's funeral will take place in St John's at 1 pm on Thursday 24th September. This will be followed by a private cremation. We remember Alastair and his family in our prayers.

Sunday 20th September – or as soon as possible thereafter **all final entries** for Quest. All entries to the editor, Mr David Willington.
dwillington@hotmail.com

Sunday 27 September at 4pm at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth,
Revd Scott Brown will be ordained priest by Bishop Ian.
All are welcome to attend.

**COLLATING INFORMATION FOR THE DIOCESAN
DESCRIPTION (CANON 4.4B)**

Please take time to complete the questionnaire you were given. This information will be used as part of the Diocesan description.

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING HAS NOW
BEEN CHANGED TO SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026**



Faith-motivated. Science-informed. Hope-inspired.

Where your treasure is

Making your money work for God's creation.

A course in two sessions exploring how our money can help tackle climate change.

Wednesday 9 September: Money, investments, and caring for God's creation

Wednesday 16 September: Money, climate justice, and loving our neighbour

7:00pm in the Threshold

Discussions, prayer, tea and cake

Windows into Heaven: Praying with Icons Workshop

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL,
DUNBLANE



Saturday
19th September

2 – 4 p.m.

A Workshop led by
Louise Younger:
Learn more about
iconography and
discover an invitation
to prayer,
contemplation and
encounter

Please contact Nerys on
rector@stmarysdunblane.org
if you will be coming

People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

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Perth

**St John's Episcopal Church
Princes Street**



Film screening and discussion
Tea, coffee and refreshments

Wednesday 30 September 2026 7pm

<https://episcopal-perth.org.uk/peb/>

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Sunday 20th September

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 17 – Season of Creation 3

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayers

Sunday 27th September

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 18 – Season of Creation 4

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Monday 14th September at 2.30 p.m. ***St John's Fellowship*** will be held in the Threshold. There will be a simple team quiz with plenty of time to catch up after the summer break over tea and cake. All welcome to attend.

Wednesday 16th September at 7.00 p.m. in Threshold. ***Where your Treasure is.*** The second of two evenings, exploring our Christian approach to money through caring for God's creation and loving our neighbours, in the climate crisis. Everyone welcome!

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Rector – The Very Reverend Graham S. Taylor

Assistant Priests – Reverend Mariusz Wojciechowski

Reverend Annie MacKay Hughes

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

Assistant Priest's day off – MONDAYS

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