



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

6th September, 2026, Feast of God the Creator

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, The Right Revd Ian Paton

Order of Service – Please follow separate booklet

Processional hymn	684 Thou, whose almighty word
Welcome	
Gloria	
Collect	
First Readings	Genesis 1. 1-2.3; Acts 17. 22a, 24-28
Gradual Hymn	184 For the beauty of the earth
Gospel	John 1.1-5
Sermon	Bishop Ian Paton
Nicene Creed	
Intercessions	Judy Norwell
Peace	
Offertory Hymn	573 Praise to the Lord, the almighty
Eucharistic Prayer	
Lord's Prayer	
Communion Song	
Communion	<i>All are welcome</i>
Communion Hymn	486 Of the Father's love begotten
Post Communion Prayer	
Recessional Hymn	6 All creatures of our God and King (Verses 1, 2, 4)
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 Genesis 1.1-2.3

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God

made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, 17.22a, 24-28

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’”

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The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.



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

A big thank you for the generous donations received last Sunday £100 was sent to the Little Sherpa Foundation with further promises of donations being made direct to their website. They are hugely grateful.

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**

12 September 2026, 2pm

Ecumenical Pilgrimage

Join the ecumenical pilgrimage from Lindores Abbey Ruins to Abdie Old Kirk.

We'll celebrate ecumenism, God's good creation and reflect on climate justice. We'll end with an act of worship and refreshments at Abdie Old Kirk at 3.45pm.

Organisers: Fife Eden Tay Parish Church, Bishop Ian Paton, Lorraine Fraser - Fife Presbytery Moderator - and Christian Aid.

To register:
- tinyurl.com/LindoresAbbey

Email: Rev Valerie Walker
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Lindores Abbey Ruins



Abdie Old Kirk

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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 13th September

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 16 – Season of Creation 2

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 20th September

8.30 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

Pentecost 17 – Season of Creation 3

Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist with Healing Prayers

Wednesdays 9th and 16th September at 7 pm in the Threshold. ***Where the Treasure is.*** Exploring a Christian approach to money. If you are wishing to attend please sign the sheet at the back of the Church . Thank you.

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.

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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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