

St John the Baptist
Scottish Episcopal Church, Perth

Welcome to our worship

29th November, 2026, Advent Sunday

8.30 a.m. **Holy Communion**
Leader, Alan McPherson, Reserved Sacrament
10.30 a.m. **Sung Eucharist** (Revised Scottish Liturgy 1982)
Liturgy of the Word, The Revd Mariusz Wojciechowski, Assistant Priest
Celebrant, The Right Revd Bruce Cameron

Order of Service

Processional hymn	**480 O come, O come, Emmanuel**
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You are welcome to join us for tea and coffee
in the Threshold after the 8.30 am and 10.30 am service

The Collect

Stir up your power, Lord, and come: that, with you as our protector, we may be rescued from our sins; and with you as our deliverer, we may be set free; for you live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

A reading from Isaiah 64. 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13. 24-37

Glory to Christ our Saviour

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen

Christine Cross will be making Christmas hampers to be raffled off in aid of Church Funds. She is looking for donations of edible and drinkable delights which can be left in the box at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

Please note that there will be a retiring collection after the 10.30 a.m. service today.
It is in aid of Greyfriars Hostel to help buy a small gift for all the residents.

Forthcoming Services and Events

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

Just a reminder that there will be an Evensong today at 5 pm

Sunday 6th December
8.30 a.m.
10.30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

Sunday 13th December
8.30 a.m.
10.30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion
Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 1st December 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

Thursdays 3rd, 10th and 17th December from 12.30 – 1.30 p.m. Walking with Angels an ***Advent Study*** at St John's with Revd Scott. Soup and bread will be served beforehand.

Sunday 6th December **.** ***St John's AGM*** will take place after the 10.30 a.m. service. All welcome to attend.

Sunday 13th December **.** Mince pies will be served in the Threshold after the 10.30 a.m. service in aid of Christian Aid.

The Mothers' Union Christmas Appeal. We make up and donate toiletry bags to the hospital and Perth Women's Aid every year at Christmas. Any regular size unopened toiletries and new pants would be gratefully received in church by **Sunday 13th December.** Many thanks. Jackie Thomson

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Rector – The Very Reverend Graham S. Taylor
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Reverend Scott J Brown, CBE