

COLLECT

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 25.19–34

A reading from the book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. 21 Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived.

22 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. 23 And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' 24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. 26 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. 27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. 28 Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. 29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. 30 Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) 31 Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' 32 Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' 33 Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

For the word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

PSALM Psalm 119.105–112

Response: O Lord, how I love your law.

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgements. **R**

107 I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgements. **R**

109 My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments. **R**

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart. 112 I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes for ever and to the end. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8.1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 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, 4 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.

5 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. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

7 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, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 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.

10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 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.

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GOSPEL Matthew 13.1–9, 18–23

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 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. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen! 18 Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 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. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 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. 22 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. 23 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.

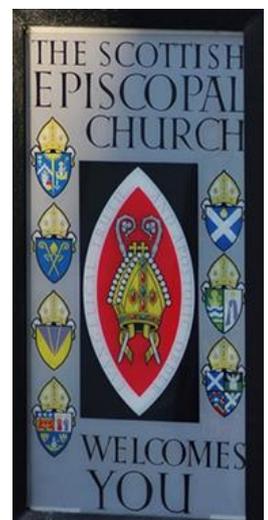
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The notices for the week are on the reverse of this sheet





The Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew

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Worship today 5 July Pentecost 5

We follow the Provincial Service or the Service from St Marys Cathedral.

You can also follow the SEC LIVE streamed Provincial Service at www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/

(or by telephone on 0800 260 5801 Sundays from 1045am start (30-40mins) & Thursdays from 6.15pm for 6.30pm service (20-30mins))

also worship from our St Mary's Cathedral at

www.thecathedral.org.uk

7pm Light a Candle and place it in your window as we pray for the Nation

Monday 6 July—comm-Palladius, Bishop, c 450

Tuesday 7 July—comm-Boisil, Prior of Melrose, c 642

Wednesday 8 July—feria

7pm—8pm Zoom gathering—looking at the cartoons and joky pictures of our Lockdown experience—asking what have we learned about ourselves these last 14 weeks? Details on the Newsletter

Thursday 9 July—feria

Friday 10 July—feria

Saturday 11 July—comm-Benedict of Nursia, Abbot, c 550



Next Sunday—12 July Pentecost 6

Our service recorded in St Johns will be online at www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk from 0945am

Thankyou for your Giving supporting work & ministry

If you can change your giving to online or direct to the church bank accounts that would be appreciated, envelopes can be sent to Reuben at his house. As a reference put your name or envelope's number.

St Johns

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You can also send via paypal www.paypal.me/reubenjamespreston

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

SHOUT-OUTS for the August/Sept Newsletter: if you have a message or article you would like to send to everyone please submit it by email to the Rector as he gets the next Newsletter prepared



Invite people to join in our services online—the whole catalogue of services is in the Archive on our website

To ask about arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc.

Intercessions

The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: Liz Fairns, Elsbeth Carberry, Sandra Ferguson, Pauline Campbell, Alasdair Woods, Jenna McKernan, Audrey Callaghan, George Wilmshurst, Adam Semple, Margaret Kerrigan, May Burton, Joan Harrison, Isobel Reid, Gerald Mungavin, Adrian Bull, Norman Sproule, May Goldthorpe, Isobel Trail, Richard Tiplady, Robert Ferguson, Janet Stevenson, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Hamish Cummings, Peter Wells

The Departed: none

We pray for all caring for Assylum Seekers and Refugees

We pray for researchers seeking to develop a vaccine against COVID19

We pray the College of Bishops team planning for our buildings reopening Please see the Covid19 prayers in the Intercession leaflet

Weekly downloads from www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk
Pewsheets & Intercessions & Reflection

Praying at home together

Live-streaming

Morning Prayer at 9am & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

Monday to Friday each week.



The service words are found at

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

The live stream is at

<https://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>

Send in your daily prayer requests to the Rector to hold before God in prayer at Morning and Evening Prayer

Would you like to visit the church buildings for private prayer? The vestries need to know if you would value this opportunity? Would you be able to help staff the building if we keep them open a few hours a week? **Planning is underway and the College of Bishops will issue Guidance to Vestries soon to help in getting ready for reopening. Vestries will need to ensure they can follow the guidance and then seek the Bishops permission if we decide to go ahead or not.**

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Sponsorship: in prayer for researchers and scientists seeking a cure and vaccine for COVID19

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