

**COLLECT**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** 1 Kings 3.5–12

A reading from the first book of Kings.

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' 6 And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

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

**PSALM** Psalm 119.129–136

**Response: You, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.**

Lord, how I love your law. 129 Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart. 130 When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. **R**

131 I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, as you always do to those who love your name. **R**

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me. 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments. **R**

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes. 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law. **R**

**SECOND READING** Romans 8.26–39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any

charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, 39 nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**GOSPEL** Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' 33 He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. 44 The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' 52 And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

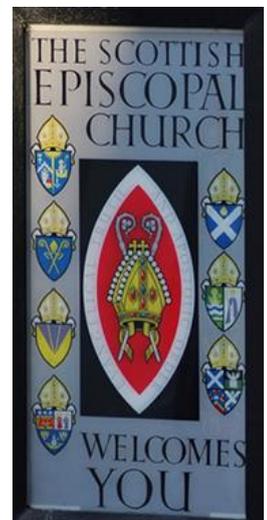
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

**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 Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew

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## Worship today 26 July **Pentecost 8**

Our service recorded in St Margarets will be online from 0945am.

at [www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](http://www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)

we will also follow the SEC LIVE streamed Provincial Service at [www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/) (or by telephone on 0800 260 5801 Sundays from 1045am for 11am start (30-40mins) & Thursdays from 615pm for 630pm service (20-30mins))  
also worship from our St Mary's Cathedral at [www.thecathedral.org.uk](http://www.thecathedral.org.uk)

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

**Monday 27 July**—comm—John Comper Priest 1903

**Tuesday 28 July**—feria

**Wednesday 29 July**—comm— Martha & Mary of Bethany

**Thursday 30 July**—comm— Silas, Companion of St Paul

**Friday 31 July**—comm— Ignatius Loyola, Priest and Religious, 1556

**Saturday 1 August**—feria

10am St Johns Vestry meeting seated outside Church or by Zoom if bad weather—*tlc*

## Next Sunday—2 August **Pentecost 9**

1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets - to be confirmed (book your seat by phoning John Mitchell max of 27 people)

We will also follow the SEC LIVE streamed Provincial Service or the service from the Cathedral

### Thankyou for your Giving supporting work & ministry

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Newsletter for August & September has been sent out and is on the website for download from Sunday 2 August

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



### 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, Robert Ferguson, Janet Stevenson, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Hamish Cummings, Peter Wells, Christine...

The Departed: none

We pray for the SEC as our churches begin to open again as they are able to and for ministers as they get used to worshipping in buildings again  
We pray for the schools getting ready to re-open soon  
We pray for researchers seeking to develop a vaccine against COVID19.  
Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet

Weekly downloads from [www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](http://www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)  
Pewsheets & Intercessions & Reflection

### Praying at home together

Live-streaming

Morning Prayer at 9am & Evening Prayer at 530pm  
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>

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



Churches opening for some services—see the newsletter for details. Not every service will be in church as we get used to and evaluate the current situation in our buildings.



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