

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING [Jonah 3.10 – 4.11](#)

A reading from the book of Jonah.

10 When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. 1 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. 3 And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' 4 And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' 5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. 6 The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' 9 But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' 10 Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

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

PSALM [Psalm 145.1–8](#)

Response: The Lord is near to those who call upon him.

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. 2 Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. **R** 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness. 4 One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power. **R** 5 I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty and all your marvellous works. 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness. **R** 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds. 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

SECOND READING [Philippians 1.21–30](#)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; 24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. 27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, 28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them

this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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GOSPEL [Matthew 20.1–16](#)

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 1 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" 7 They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." 13 But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

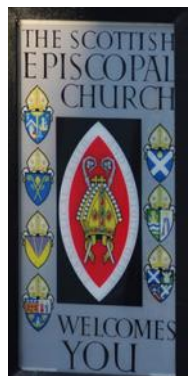
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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 20 September **Pentecost 16**

0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns—unticketed
1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets—ticketed
(book your seat by phoning John Mitchell max of 27 people)

Both of the above services will be streamed live for people who cannot come to church

<https://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>



7pm Light a Candle and place it in your window as we pray for the Nation using the prayer on the Intercessions leaflet each week

Monday 21 September—Festival— St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

Tuesday 22 September—feria

Wednesday 23 September -Comm- Adamnan of Iona, Abbot, 704

(Zoom room opens from 645) **7pm Zoom Holy Communion**

login ID 82144535581 Passcode 465033

Thursday 24 September—feria (Zoom room opens from 645)

7pm Faithfull Followers looking at Psalm 8

login ID 81173296254 Passcode 185779

Friday 25 September—comm-Finnbar of Caithness, Bp, c 610

2pm ISC Online Prayer Group via Zoom see

<http://iscglasgow.co.uk/fridayprayer.html> for details 1hr of led prayer, silence and sharing

Saturday 26 September—feria

Next Sunday—27 September **Pentecost 17**

0945 Holy Communion by extension at St Johns—unticketed

1130 Holy Communion by extension St Margarets—ticketed

(book your seat by phoning John Mitchell max of 27 people)

Led by LWLs Gill & John and preacher at both services Ordinand Lisa

"Hello this is Lisa the Ordinand, I am calling to say hello..." over the coming weeks Lisa will be

calling everyone on our lists to introduce herself and make contact with the people of St Johns and

St Margarets because she cannot come around and visit people's homes. When she

tells you please be kind and tell her about your part in the life of our Charges.

Lisa Curtice our Ordinand can be contacted SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk



October newsletter out this week—keep an eye on the website

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

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, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Hamish Cummings, Peter Wells, Nicholas Taylor, Fiona & Christine...

The Departed: none

We pray for people having to still isolate at home

We pray for researchers seeking to develop a vaccine against COVID19.

We pray for refreshment for Bp Kevin while on leave

We pray for people seeking work in these strange times

Covid19 prayers in the Weekly 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 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>

As our church buildings are opening again please ensure you keep others safe by observing social distancing.

Please do not attend if you feel unwell, or have COVID19 symptoms

We have to keep contact details of everyone attending a church service for 21 days. Please complete the GDPR form and leave it in church. Thank you.



For more information go to [NHSinform.scot](https://www.nhs.uk/informationservices/nhsinform/scot)

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by 0900 on Wednesdays.

Sponsorship: in prayer for all who are still having to isolate at home for their health and wellbeing

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