

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 5.1–7*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting: he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

**For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD****PSALM** *Psalm 80.7–14*

**Response:** For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved. 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it. 9 You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land. **R**

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs. 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River. **R**

12 Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it. 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted. **R**

**SECOND READING** *Philippians 3.4b–14*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

4 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, 9 not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD****GOSPEL** *Matthew 21.33–46*

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

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 33 ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ 41 They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ 42 Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’ 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

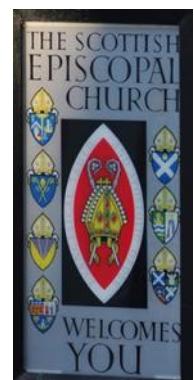
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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  
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# The Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew

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## Worship today 4 October Pentecost 18

**0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns—unticketted**

**1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets—note unticketted**

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 5 October—feria

Tuesday 6 October—feria

Wednesday 7 October—feria- 7pm Zoom Communion Service

Meeting ID: 821 4453 5581 Passcode: 465033

Thursday 8 October—comm- Alexander Penrose Forbes, Bishop, 1875

Friday 9 October—feria

2pm ISC Online Prayer Group via Zoom see

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

Saturday 10 October—feria

## Next Sunday—11 October Pentecost 19

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"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 calls you please be kind and tell her about your part in the life of our Charges. Lisa Curtice our Ordinand can be contacted

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**October newsletter out on the website—please take a look**

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

**Sponsorship: in prayer for Accord Hospice as they hold online their annual act of remembrance**

If you would like to sponsor this sheet please send you £5 donation to the Rector along with details of the sponsorship (even if anonymous)

### 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 Wilmhurst, 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, Moira Bruce

**The Departed:** none

We pray for students beginning the new academic year

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

We pray for our SEI students being ordained at this time

We pray for the work of ACCORD Hospice

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>

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.

**NHS SCOTLAND TEST & PROTECT**

For more information go to  
[NHSinform.scot](http://NHSinform.scot)

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by 0900 on Wednesdays.**

