

**COLLECT**

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Leviticus 19.1–2, 15–18

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 ‘Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. 15 You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour.

16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD.

17 You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.’

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

**PSALM** Psalm 1

**Response: Happy are they who trust in the Lord!**

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night. **R**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. **R**

4 It is not so with the wicked: they are like chaff which the wind blows away; 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. **R**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 2.1–8

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as

apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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**GOSPEL** Matthew 22.34–46

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

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ 37 He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: “‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’” 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ 41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42 ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ 43 He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44 “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’”? 45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

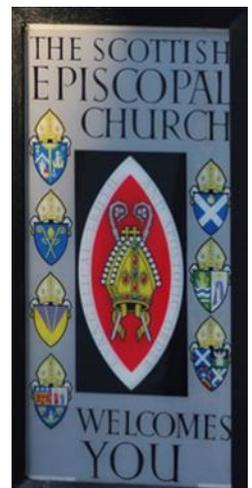
**BLESSING**

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

—please pass it onto a friend or neighbour

This sheet is also on our website—let others know how to find it to follow week by week.





# The Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew

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## **Worship today** 25 October **Pentecost 21**

**0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns**

**1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets**

Both of the above services will be recorded and available to join in with at 6pm on <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 26 October**—feria

**Tuesday 27 October**—feria

**Wednesday 28 October**—**FESTIVAL-Simon and Jude, Apostles**

7pm Zoom Communion Service Meeting ID: 821 4453 5581

Passcode: 465033

**Thursday 29 October**—feria

**Friday 30 October**—feria

**Saturday 31 October**—feria

Next Sunday—1 November **All**

## **Saints Day**

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**6pm All Saints Day party to celebrate Reuben's 2nd Anniversary here as Rector—zoom details on the**



## Monday 2 November **All Souls Day**

**7pm Evening Prayers and naming of those we remember**

"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. Lisa Curtice our Ordinand can be contacted [SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](mailto:SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)



**ONLINE service changes:** because the SIM 4g connections are not good at Renfrew and Johnstone we are trying recording the Sunday service and making it available at 6pm on Sundays for folk who cannot attend in person

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, Peter Wells, Moira Bruce, Sue Graham, Margaret Gibb & Carol

**The Departed:** Alf Perinbam

We pray for businesses as they cope with the effects of the pandemic  
We pray for researchers seeking to develop a vaccine against COVID19.

We pray for the Bishops staff group as they meet this week

We pray for the UK as we cope with new restrictions

**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

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



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