

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7.1–11, 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

1 Now when David, the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' 3 Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' 4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: 5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. 7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' 8 Now therefore you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you, David, that the Lord will make you a house. 16 Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

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

CANTICLE Magnificat Luke 1.46b–55

R My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

46 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

47 My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

48 For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant,
from this day all generations will call me blessed.

49 The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name. **R**

50 He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

51 He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit. **R**

52 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he has sent away empty. **R**

54 He has come to the help of his servant, Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

55 The promise he made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 16.25–27

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

26 but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of

the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – 27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

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GOSPEL Luke 1.26–38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'

29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

30 The angel said to her,

'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.

31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

34 Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

35 The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.'

36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.'

38 Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'

Then the angel departed from her.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

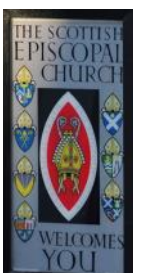
BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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

The Scottish Episcopal Church United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway
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National Tier 3 of lockdown

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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Twitter: [@JohnsJohnstone](https://twitter.com/JohnsJohnstone)

Zoom/Telephone is Tel:01314601196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407

Passcode: 076546 or use the link on the newsletter or website



Worship today ADVENT 4 with Christingles

0945 Said Eucharist with Litany at St Johns
1130 Said Eucharist with Litany at St Margarets
6pm Zoom Christingle Service (30mins)

Both services are recorded and made available on our YouTube Channel at about 4pm on Sunday

<http://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



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, Adam Semple, Margaret Kerrigan, May Burton, Joan Harrison, Isobel Reid, Adrian Bull, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Sue Graham, Margaret Gibb, Lisa in Oxford, Carol, Joanna, Barbara Clark
The Departed: none
We pray for aid Charities helping refugees and asylum seekers
We pray for people facing redundancy and unemployment
We pray for all those working to vaccinate the nation
We pray for each other as we celebrate Christmas alone and apart
Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet

Monday 21 December-festival-Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday 22 December-feria

Wednesday 23 December-feria

2pm Telephone Church
7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service



Thursday 24 December—CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm Crib Service (30mins) at St Johns Johnstone

1130pm Zoom 'Midnight Mass'



Friday 25 December—CHRISTMAS DAY

1030am Christmas Day Eucharist at St Margarets
to book a seat call John Mitchell 077980662711 01505 862570

Saturday 26 December—festival-St Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

4pm-5pm Boxing Day blether—a chance to have a relaxed chat about anything 'n everything use the zoom/telephone details above

Next Sunday—**St John the Evangelist**

0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns—Patronal Festival
1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets



Your Christmas OoFs have been posted with some prayers you may like to use at home too.... Do send photos of your activity and they'll be added to the website OoF pages
Lisa Curtice our Ordinand can be contacted

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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Seats booking is essential—people who have booked will be allowed in and others asked to queue for remaining seats—28 available. The service will be put on the YouTube Channel by 4pm



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

Weekly downloads from
www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

Pewsheets & Intercessions & Reflection
Praying at home together

Live-streaming **Morning Prayer 9am & Evening Prayer 530pm** Monday to Wednesday only
this week we will start again on Monday 4 January
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



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE—LOVE

We lit the first candle to pray for hope. We lit the second candle to pray for peace. We lit the third candle to pray for joy. We light the fourth candle to pray for love. We pray for the love which is patient and kind, and the love which goes on caring and believing. May we show this love to one another and be open to welcome the love of God into our hearts. We pray for everyone who feels unloved, and for every time it is difficult to love others. May we see some sign of love that shines like this candle flame.



Lord Jesus Christ,
you showed us that God is love.
Help us to live in love, so that we live in God.
Come close to us this Advent. Amen

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