

COLLECT

Eternal Father, we give thanks for your incarnate Son, whose name is our salvation. Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Numbers 6.22–27

A reading from the book of Numbers.

22 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying

23 ‘Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,

“Thus you shall bless the Israelites:

You shall say to them,

24 The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you

and be gracious to you;

26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you,

and give you peace.”

27 So they shall put my name on the Israelites,

and I will bless them.’

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

Responsorial Psalm 8

R Your name, O Lord, is exalted in all the world!

1 O Lord our governor,

how exalted is your name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,

to quell the enemy and the avenger. **R**

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them?

mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

6 You have made them little lower than the angels;

you adorn them with glory and honour. **R**

7 You give them mastery over the works of your hands;

and put all things under their feet,

8 All sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our governor,

how exalted is your name in all the world! **R**

SECOND READING Galatians 4.4–7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

4 When the fullness of time had come,

God sent his Son, born of a woman,

born under the law,

5 in order to redeem those who were under the law,

so that we might receive adoption as children.

6 And because you are children,

God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,

‘Abba! Father!’

7 So you are no longer a slave but a child,

and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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GOSPEL Luke 2.15–21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to Christ our Saviour

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,

the shepherds said to one another,

‘Let us go now to Bethlehem

and see this thing that has taken place,

which the Lord has made known to us.’

16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph,

and the child lying in the manger.

17 When they saw this,

they made known what had been told them about this child;

18 and all who heard it were amazed

at what the shepherds told them.

19 But Mary treasured all these words

and pondered them in her heart.

20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God

for all they had heard and seen,

as it had been told them.

21 After eight days had passed,

it was time to circumcise the child;

and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

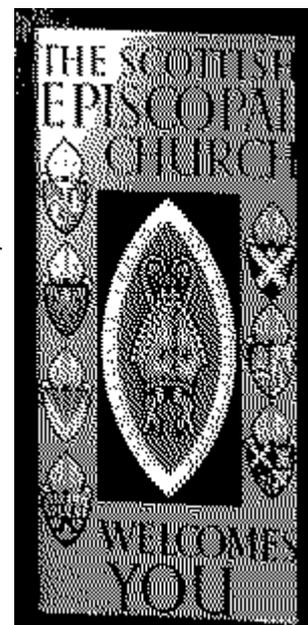
BLESSING

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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
St John's Church, Floors Street, Johnstone PA5 8QS St Margaret's Church, Oxford Road, Renfrew PA4 0SJ

National Tier 4 of lockdown: max of 20 people in church buildings
www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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



Worship today The Naming of Jesus trans

0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns

1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets

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, Steve Elliott

The Departed: none

We pray for our congregations at the start of this new year
We pray for people facing redundancy and unemployment
We pray for war torn and disaster stricken part of the world
Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet

Monday 4 January-Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5 January-feria

Wednesday 6 January-Festival—Epiphany

2pm Telephone Church

7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service

Thursday 7 January—feria

Friday 8 January—feria

Saturday 9 January—feria



Weekly downloads from
www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk
Pewsheets & Intercessions & Reflection

PRAYING AT HOME TOGETHER

Live-streaming Morning Prayer 9am &

Evening Prayer 530pm

resuming on Monday 4 January

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



Sundays max capacity is 20

in Tier 4 Restrictions—if the limit has been reached when you arrive please go home gracefully.

Next Sunday—The Baptism of Jesus

0945 Said Eucharist at St Johns

1130 Said Eucharist at St Margarets

Next Thursday 14 January 7pm an hour looking at the Epiphany Message for us with Lisa as we embark upon the seasons last few weeks—join in on zoom or the telephone as we consider this great season of our inclusion in God's work



REVIEWING OUR CONNECTION TO EACH OTHER: in the coming months we shall be asking the question...

"how have we kept connected during the pandemic?"

What has worked well for you?

What have you joined in with?

What have you avoided?

What stopped you taking part?

What would have helped you?

What can we ditch?

What could we focus on?



Your New Year & Epiphany OoFs as you get opportunity to look at the material for these OoFs spend some time reflecting on the questions raised for you. Do send photos of your activity and they'll be added to the website OoF pages
Lisa Curtice our Ordinand can be contacted

Church Contacts

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Items for inclusion should be sent to Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk by 0900 on Wednesdays.

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

Sponsorship: in prayer for all working to bring about the vaccination of our Nation over the coming weeks

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