

Collect

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 1 Samuel 15.34 – 16.13

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeath of Saul. 35 Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. 1 The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' 2 Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' 4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' 5 He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD.' 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' 11 Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 20

Response: We will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend you; 2 Send you help from his holy place and strengthen you out of Zion; **R** 3 Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice; 4 Grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans. **R** 5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God; may the Lord grant all your requests. 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand. **R** 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God. 8 They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright. 9 O Lord, give victory to the king and answer us when we call. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.6–10, 14–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, 6 we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we do have

confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. 14 The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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Gospel Mark 4.26–34

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

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. 26 Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' 30 Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

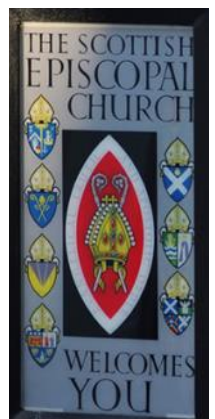
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask 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—take this pewsheet home to pass on to neighbours and friends.





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

Physical Services are being recorded and put online for 4pm

we are online at www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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

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



Worship today Pentecost 3

0945am Eucharist in **St Johns**—max 29 people—Level 2

1130am Eucharist in **St Margarets**—max 25— Level 2



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

The Weekly **Intercessions sheet**, **Gospel Reflection** and **Pewsheets** you can download and read on the website

Monday 14 June—comm- Basil of Caesarea, 379; Gregory of Nazianzus, c.390; Gregory of Nyssa, 394, Bishops and Teachers of the Faith

Tuesday 15 June—feria

Wednesday 16 June—feria

2pm Telephone Church—see the side panel ->>

7pm Zoom/Telephone Communion Service

Thursday 17 June—feria

Friday 18 June—comm-Bernard Mizeki, Martyr, 1896

Saturday 19 June—feria

Next Sunday—Pentecost 4

0945am Eucharist in **St Johns** —max 29 people

1130am Eucharist in **St Margarets** —max 25 people

Physical Church, Virtual Church & Telephone Church.....



Have you managed to follow any of the links Lisa put in the Newsletter this month? It's a great way to use your computer time in the library if you haven't got internet at home yet. What would you like more links to—ideas welcome please as we plan the next newsletter for July.

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

Intercessions

The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: Liz Fairns, Elsbeth Carberry, 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, Lisa in Oxford, Carol, Joanna, Barbara Clark, Moira Bruce, Jean Souter, Neil Barclay, Sandra Wright

The Departed: none

We pray for the Recovery & Renewal Grant Fund as it is rolled out across the Province to help our Charges re-engage with mission

We pray for the COVAX project to role out vaccinations across the world

Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet

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

Morning Prayer 9am
live online at

<http://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>



The Daily Office of Morning Prayer is for the entire Church.

Lisa's thank you letter is pinned up by the church entrance and also on the website. She sends greetings and is delighted to have been able to visit her family in London.

This week's—GIVE IT A GO

Try out Telephone Church—2pm for 20mins
Just use any phone for a moment of blessing

Dial 0131 460 1196

Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407 #

Participant ID #

Passcode: 076546 #



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