

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING A Joshua 24.1–2a, 14–18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

1 Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, 14 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' 16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 34.15–22

Response: I sought the Lord, and he answered me

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. **R** 17 The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed. **R** 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all. 20 He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken. **R** 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished. 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 6.10–20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

10 Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on

the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel John 6.56–69

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

Jesus said to the crowd: 56 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' 59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' 61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. 65 And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' 66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. 67 So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' 68 Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, 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 recorded this week to go online for about 5pm

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 13

0945am Eucharist **St Johns—no restrictions on numbers**

1130am Eucharist **St Margarets—no restrictions on numbers**

We shall have 2 hymns to join in with. We need to wear our face masks.

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 23 August-feria

Tuesday 24 August-festival-**Bartholomew, Apostle**

Wednesday 25 August-comm-Ebba of Coldingham, Ab-bess, 683

2pm Holy Communion at St Johns & on the Telephone

7pm Holy Communion at St Margarets & on Zoom

Thursday 26 August-feria

Friday 27 August-comm-Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hip-po, 387

Saturday 28 August-comm-Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 430

Next Sunday—Pentecost 14

0945am Eucharist **St Johns—full sung setting**

1130am Eucharist **St Margarets—full sung setting**

HARVEST CHARITY fund raiser at St John's

OLIVE's Bottle Raffle—the bottles come from Olive's collection for the Galas that haven't happened in 2020 or 2021. We are selling tickets at £2 each with 43 prizes. All the money raised will go to Charities you nominate. **Put your nominated Charities names in the bucket in St Johns and the first 3 we draw after the raffle will have the money raised shared between them.**



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, 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, Paul Bothwell, Veronica Whitelock

The Departed: none

We pray for the people of Afghanistan

We pray for good Priests to come and apply for vacancies in the Diocese

We pray for our Diocesan response to the 10 Points of Guidance

Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet



Weekly downloads the PEWSHEET, the INTERCESSION SHEET, the GOSPEL REFLECTION from

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

The Daily Offices can be followed on the provincial website at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

10 Points of Guidance engaging with the Climate Crisis

As we engage with the Provincial call to consider the 10 Points of Guidance our website charts our engagement at an individual, household and Vestry levels.



What is your response?

Send them in for inclusion on the website

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk/CCC

look at our website and fill in the form after you have discussed it at home. How are you going to start engaging with the Climate Crisis *10 Points of Engagement?* Sheets available in church or on the website

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Sponsorship: in prayer for a peaceful and good outcome to the traumas in Afghanistan

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