

Collect

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4.1–2, 6–9

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people; he said: 1 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. 6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' 7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? 8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? 9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15

Response: Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill? 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart. **R**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour. 4 In his sight the wicked are rejected, but he honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. 7 Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown. **R**

SECOND READING James 1.17–27

A reading from the letter of James.

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not merely

hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. 26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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Gospel Mark 7.1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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

1 When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' 6 Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." 8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' 14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. 21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. 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—take this pewsheets 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

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

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Worship today Pentecost 14

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

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

We shall have full sung services today

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 30 August—festival—The Beheading of John the Baptist (trans from 29th)

Baptist (trans from 29th)

Tuesday 31 August—comm—Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop,

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Wednesday 1 September—feria

2pm Holy Communion at St Johns & on the Telephone

7pm Holy Communion at St Margarets & on Zoom

8pm Renfrew Extra-ordinary Vestry—Congregational Management & Website s/w on zoom and/or in-person (no teas/coffees)

Thursday 2 September—comm—The Martyrs of New Guinea,

1942

Friday 3 September—comm—Gregory the Great, Bishop and

Teacher of the Faith

Saturday 4 September—feria—St Johns Garden Hour

10am tea.& coffee in church ready for

1030-1130 Late Summer Garden clearing Hour (only 1hr)

please bring bags for garden waste, gloves and trowels and cutters work standing r sitting and we are only doing 1hr together.

Next Sunday—Pentecost 15

0945am Eucharist **St Johns—Harvest Celebration**

1130am Eucharist **St Margarets—Harvest Celebration**

Frugal Harvest lunch after the service at St Margaret's—let Pat or

Sue know if you would like to come along.



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

Sponsorship: in prayer for St Mongo's folk as the church and Charge is closed this afternoon

If you would like to sponsor this sheet please send you £5 donation to the Rector along with details of the sponsorship (even if anonymous)

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, Daniel Preston, David Preston, Martin Santon, Laurence Mechen

The Departed: none

We pray for the people of Afghanistan

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

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/>

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.**



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