

## Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 33.14–16

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

14 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm Psalm 25.1-10

**Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**  
3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.  
4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**  
5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.  
6 Remember not the sins of my youth  
and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**  
7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
8 He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly. **R**  
9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.  
10 For your name's sake, O Lord,  
forgive my sin, for it is great. **R**

## SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3.9–13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?  
10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.  
11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

## Gospel Luke 21.25–36

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

25 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

29 Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, 35 and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel*

*Praise to Christ our Lord*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen**

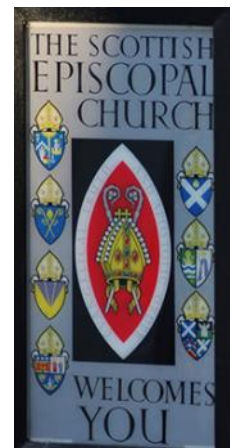
## BLESSING

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—take this pewsheet home to pass on to neighbours and friends.*

*This sheet is also on our website—let others know how to find it to follow week by week.*

*You can also download the Gospel Reflection and the Weekly Intercessions*





# The Joint Charges of St Johns Johnstone & St Margarets Renfrew

The Scottish Episcopal Church United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway  
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**Physical Services is being streamed live this Sunday**

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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** Advent Sunday

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments

5pm **Advent Carol Service** at St Marys Cathedral

**Monday 29 November**-feria

**Tuesday 30 November**-festival-St Andrew, Apostle

**Wednesday 1 December**-comm-Charles de Foucauld, Priest and Hermit, 1916

**St Johns 2pm Holy Communion**—on telephone/zoom followed by refreshments

**St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion**—on zoom

745pm **ADVENT Group** pages 11-31 in St Margarets/Zoom

**Thursday 2 December**-comm-Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637

**Friday 3 December**-comm- Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552

**8pm COMPLINE on the telephone** call 01314601196

Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407# Participant ID: # Passcode: 076546#  
Press \*6 to unmute yourself so that others can hear you joining in

**Saturday 4 December**-comm-Clement of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, c.214

## Next Sunday—**Advent 2**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments

**St Johns ADVENT & CHRISTMAS good cause** is buying **Birth Certificates** for street children through [www.toybox.org.uk](http://www.toybox.org.uk) Each Certificate is £32 Think of a meaningful gift you can give this year.... To transform the life of another person in Latin America.



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, 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, Jeanette Farquhar

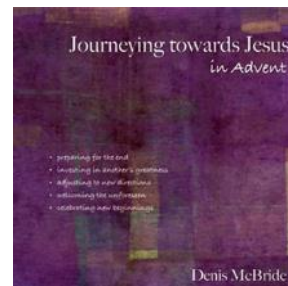
**The Departed:** the migrants who died at sea looking for a life  
We pray for our NHS workers rolling out the vaccines  
We pray for our Political leaders in the decisions they need to make about migrants trying to cross the English Channel



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

[www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](http://www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)  
The Daily Offices can be followed on the provincial website at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

**Regional Morning prayer on zoom at 9am** for 20mins words are shared on screen



## **Keeping Advent well...**

Have you read the Newsletter and ordered your copy of our Advent Book?

We will be gathering on Wednesday evenings to discuss how we have got on with each week of the Advent materials. <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/journeying-towards-jesusadvent-personal>

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