

**Collect**

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**FIRST READING Malachi 3.1–4**

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: 1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

**Responsorial Psalm Benedictus Luke 1.68–79**

**Response: Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.**

68 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has come to his people and set them free.

69 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant, David. **R**

70 Through his holy prophets he promised of old, 71 that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us.

72 He promised to show mercy to our forebears and to remember his holy covenant. **R**

73 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: 74 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear, 75 holy and righteous in his sight,

all the days of our life. **R**

76 You, my child,

shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

77 To give his people knowledge of salvation, by the forgiveness of their sins. **R**

78 In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

79 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **R**

**SECOND READING Philippians 1.3–11**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, 3 I thank my God every time I remember you, 4 constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, 5 because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's

grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight 10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, 11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

**Gospel Luke 3.1–6**

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

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2 during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel*

*Praise to Christ our Lord*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

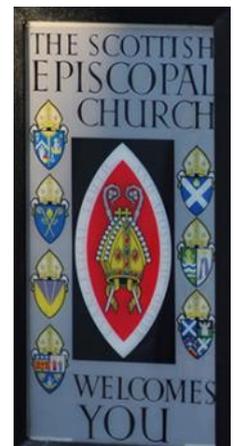
**BLESSING**

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 pewsheets 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  
St John's Church, Floors Street, Johnstone PA5 8QS St Margaret's Church, Oxford Road, Renfrew PA4 0SJ

**Physical Services are being streamed live this Sunday**

we are online at [www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](http://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 Advent 2

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments

**Monday 6 December**-comm-Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, 4th century

**Tuesday 7 December**-comm- Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 397

**Wednesday 8 December**-comm-The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord

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

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

745pm **ADVENT Group** chapter 2 in St Margarets/Zoom

**Thursday 9 December**-feria

**Friday 10 December**-feria

**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 11 December**-feria

Next Sunday—**Advent 3**

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.



**COMBAT STRESS**  
FOR VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH

St Margaret's Raised £75 for COMBAT STRESS at the Remembrance weekend offerings

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

**Sponsorship: in prayer for our Ecumenical partners in Renfrew and Johnstone**

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, 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, Martin Santon, Jeanette Farquhar, Alan Goudie, Margaret Keys

**The Departed:** none

We pray for the Salvation Army getting ready to offer help at Christmas  
We pray for refugees and migrants and our national response to them

**Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet**



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

[www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](http://www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)

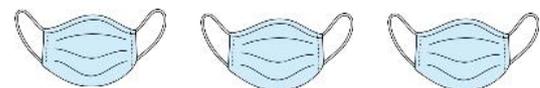
The Daily Offices can be followed on the provincial website at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

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

**St Margarets Friday 17 December 6pm Ecumenical Carol Service**

Please note that **there will not be refreshments served** after the service.

Please bring a mask to wear.



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