

Collect

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING Micah 5.2–5a

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

The LORD says to his people: 2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. 3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; 5 and he shall be the one of peace.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Canticle based on Luke 1.46b–55

Response: My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

46 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

47 My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

48 For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

49 The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. **R**

50 He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

51 He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. **R**

52 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and he has lifted up the lowly.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. **R**

54 He has come to the help of his servant, Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

55 The promise he made to our forebears; to Abraham and his children for ever. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 10.5–10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

5 When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

6 in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure.

7 Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book, it is written of me). 8 When Christ said,

'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings' (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.

10 And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. .

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 1.39–55

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

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' 46 And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, 48 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' .

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

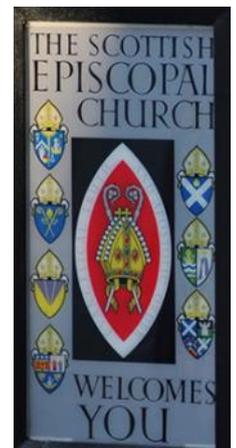
BLESSING

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 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
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 week

we are online at www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

Facebook: [@stmargaretsrenfrew.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/stmargaretsrenfrew.org.uk) [@StJohnsJohnstone](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsJohnstone)

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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 4

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist followed by refreshments
1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist followed by lunch at the Glynhill Hotel

Monday 20 December-feria

Tuesday 21 December-festival- **Thomas, Apostle**

Wednesday 22 December-feria

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

St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion—on zoom

745pm **ADVENT Group** chapter 4 in St Margarets/Zoom

Thursday 23 December-feria

Friday 24 December-

CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm Crib Service at St Johns (30mins)

1130pm Midnight Mass at St Margarets (60mins)



Saturday 25 December- **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10am Christmas Day Eucharist at St Johns



Next Sunday 26 Dec —**Christmas 1**

0945am St Johns SAID Eucharist with recorded music

1130am St Margarets SAID Eucharist with recorded music

St Johns ADVENT & CHRISTMAS good cause is buying **Birth Certificates** for street children through www.toybox.org.uk



To ask about arrangements

Intercessions

The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: Liz Fairs, 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 NHS as they accelerate the vaccination programme
We pray for governments to bring the COP26 outcomes to reality

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/>

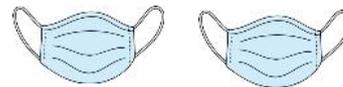
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Regional Morning prayer on zoom at 9am for 20mins words are shared on screen

Bishop Kevin asks us to support **Aberlour this Christmas**. See Bishop Kevin here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcXJnN3hdF4>

Find out more at www.aberlour.org.uk and use their tool kit to make a Christingle at home this year as you pray for their work.

Jesus,
Light of the World,
let this Christingle remind me
how much you love me
and that you want me to share
your love with everyone.
Shine in the darkness this Christmas.
Amen



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Sponsorship: in prayer for the Salvation Army in Paisley as they reach out to those in need this Christmas

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