

Collect

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 2.18–20, 26

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

18 Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. 19 His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20 Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. 26 Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 148

Response: Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

1 Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. **R** 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created. 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R** 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; **R** 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together. **R** 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 3.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 2.41–52

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

41 Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' 49 He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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 week

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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 Christmas 1

0945am St Johns SAID Eucharist with recorded music

1130am St Margarets SAID Eucharist with recorded music

Monday 27 December-festival-**John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Tuesday 28 December-festival- **The Holy Innocents**

Wednesday 29 December-festival- **St Stephen** (trans)

St Johns 2pm Holy Communion—on telephone/zoom **St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion**—on zoom

Thursday 30 December-comm-Josephine Butler, 1906

Friday 31 December-comm-John Wycliffe, Priest, 1384

Saturday 1 January 2022- festival-

The Naming of Jesus

Next Sunday

2 January 2022 —

Christmas 2

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist



St Johns ADVENT & CHRISTMAS good cause is buying **Birth Certificates** for street children through 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. Thank you for your donations so far this season. We shall continue collecting to Candelmas.



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, Moira Bruce, Jean Souter, Neil Barclay, Paul Bothwell, Veronica Whitelock, Daniel Preston, Martin Santon, Jeanette Farquhar, Alan Goudie, Margaret Keys, Lyle McDermott

The Departed: William Fullerton

We pray for the NHS as they accelerate the vaccination programme

We pray for political leaders as they make decisions about restrictions

Covid19 prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet



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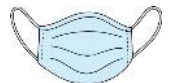
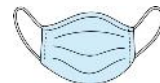
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Regional Morning prayer begins again on Monday 10 January

Happy New Year when we get there



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