

**Collect**

God of patience and humility, in your love you gave your Son to be rejected and raised up on a cross. Gather us under its shadow and open our eyes to its mystery, that we may share even now in the life that is from above; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**FIRST READING Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' 2 But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' 3 And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 4 But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' 5 He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' 6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. 7 Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' 8 But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' 9 He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' 10 He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 27**

**Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. **R** 3 Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; 4 And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him. **R** 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. **R** 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock. **R** 8 Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me; 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. **R** 10 Harken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. 11 You speak in my heart and say, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. 12 Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure. **R** 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me. **R** 15 Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path,

because of my enemies. 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice. **R** 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord. **R**

**SECOND READING Philippians 3.17 – 4.1**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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**Gospel Luke 13.31–35**

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

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' 32 He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel*

*Praise to Christ our Lord*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**BLESSING**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**





# 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** 13 March **LENT 2**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert Chambers

*no streaming of the service today at St Johns*

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert Chambers

**Monday 14 March**—feria

**Tuesday 15 March**—feria

**Wednesday 16 March**—comm—Boniface of Ross, Bishop, 8th century

**St Johns 2pm Holy Communion**—no zoom/telephone church today

**3pm Lent Course at St Johns "Faith Pictures"**

**St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion**—no zoom service today

**745pm Lent Course at St Margarets "Faith Pictures" led by Tosh**

**Thursday 17 March**—comm—Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, c.461

**Friday 18 March**—comm—Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 386

**8pm COMPLINE** on the telephone led by Curate Lisa

**Saturday 19 March**—festival—Joseph of Nazareth

## Next Sunday 20 March **LENT 3**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

**Join in our Lent Course**

**"Faith Pictures"** this week **The Power of the Ordinary**

3pm Wednesdays at St Johns &

745pm Wednesdays at St Margarets

More details at <https://churcharmy.org/resources/faith-pictures/>

*Helping Christians of all traditions talk about their own story of faith with confidence.*



**Bishop's Lent Appeal retiring collection** is for **"Children in Crisis"**

**SEC Provincial appeal is for Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**

*Collection plates will be out at all services to Easter*



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

**Sponsorship: in prayer for peace to come to Ukraine (by anonymous donor)**

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, Jenna McKernan, Audrey Callaghan, Adam Semple, May Burton, Joan Harrison, Isobel Reid, Adrian Bull, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isobel Cummings, Lisa in Oxford, Carol, Joanna, Moira Bruce, Jean Souter, Neil Barclay, Paul Bothwell, Veronica Whitelock, Daniel Preston, Martin Santon, Jeanette Farquhar, Margaret Keys, Lyle McDermott, Gary Flemming

**The Departed:** none

We pray for the opportunity to escape safely for the Ukrainian people  
We pray for our National & International leaders in decisions they face

**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/>

**Morning Prayer on zoom 9-920am Mon to Fri**



**COMPLINE in Lent 8pm on Fridays**

On the telephone using the Zoom details at the top of this sheet. A wonderful opportunity to lay the week

which is ending into the hands of God as we look to the weekend and our worship on Sundays. In Lent we shall hear the reading for the day and hear a brief reflection

**Pastoral Support this week:** please call Wilma 07714 525726 or John Mitchell 07798 662711 or for priestly support call Rev Robert Chambers 07968 279351

Reuben is on Retreat until Saturday 19 March please remember him in your prayers as he stays at the Shekinah Christian Centre in Lancashire.



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