

**Collect**

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 18.1–10a**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1 The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' 7 Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' 10 Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15**

**Response: Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.**

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
who may abide upon your holy hill?  
2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,  
who speaks the truth from his heart. **R**  
3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend;  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.  
4 In his sight the wicked are rejected,  
but he honours those who fear the Lord. **R**  
5 He has sworn to do no wrong  
and does not take back his word.  
6 He does not give his money in hope of gain,  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
7 Whoever does these things  
shall never be overthrown. **R**

**SECOND READING Colossians 1.15–28**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

15 Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has

now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – 23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. 24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25 I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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**Gospel Luke 10.38–42**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to Christ our saviour*

38 Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' 41 But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel*

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: 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.*





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

The Scottish Episcopal Church United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway  
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## **Worship today** 17 July **Pentecost 6**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist—**The Rector**

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—**The Rector**

**Monday 18 July** —comm-Jane Haining, Missionary and Martyr, 1944  
(translated from 17 July)

**Tuesday 19 July** —feria

**Wednesday 20 July** —feria

**St Johns 2pm Holy Communion**

**St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion**

**Thursday 21 July** —comm-William Wilberforce, 1833

**Friday 22 July** —festival- **Mary Magdalene**

**Saturday 23 July** —feria

**1030-1130 St Johns Gardening hour**—tidying up the grounds for an hour—bring tools and bags for waste

## Next Sunday 24 July **Pentecost 7**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist—**The Rector**

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—**The Rector**

## **St Johns Building works continue**

St Johns building works continue for 12 weeks—we pray for the safe and successful completion of the works and the renewal of life at St Johns in the months to come.

We pray for the safe and successful completion of the work—Lord hear us.



## **Date for the Diary**

**Lisa will be Ordained Priest on Saturday 27 August at 11am in St Mary's Cathedral**—please come along and support her on this important day.

**Lisa will be Celebrating the Eucharist for the First time on Sunday 28 August at 4pm(tbc) at Holy Trinity Paisley**

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, Jenna McKernan, Audrey Callaghan, Adam Semple, May Burton, Joan Harrison, Isobel Reid, Adrian Bull, Isobel Trail, Ellen Jones, Isabel Cummings, Carol, Joanna, Moira Bruce, Neil Barclay, Paul Bothwell, Veronica Whitelock, Martin Santon, Jeanette Farquhar, Margaret Keys, Lyle McDermott, Emily Parker, Jim Henderson, Alun Reese, Sam Aaron, Andrew Mitchell, Kenny Murdock, Brenda McKinstry, Alan McKinstry

**The Departed:** Barbara Clark

**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 Mon-Fri 9am for 20mins**

**Pastoral Assistants Support every week:** please call Wilma 07714 525726 or John Mitchell 07798 662711

## **St John's Gardening days**

These are the days we have selected to spend an hour in our garden this year.

Sat 23 July 1030-1130

Sat 13 Aug 1030-1130

Sat 3 Sept 1030-1130

Sat 1 Oct 1030-1130



**August Newsletter**—please give/send any copy to Reuben as he puts the newsletter together

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