

**Collect**

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**FIRST READING Genesis 15.1–6**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1 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 The Lord brought Abraham outside and said, 'Look toward 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.

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

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33.12–22**

**Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own!**

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own! 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world. 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth. **R**  
15 He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works. 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; the strong are not delivered by great strength. 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save. **R**  
18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love, 19 To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine. **R**  
20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.  
21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy name we put our trust. 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you. **R**

**SECOND READING Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' 13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a

hometown. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

**Gospel Luke 12.32–40**

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

Jesus said to his disciples,

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel*

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

**BLESSING**

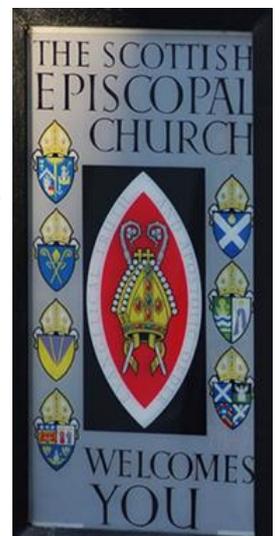
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

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# 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 1130 Service is being streamed live this week**

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## **Worship today** 7 August **Pentecost 9**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert Chambers

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert Chambers

**Monday 8 August** —comm-Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221

**Tuesday 9 August** —comm- John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866

**Wednesday 10 August**—comm- Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr, 258

**St Johns—no service due to building works**

**St Margarets 7pm Holy Communion— Rector**

**Thursday 11 August**—comm- Clare of Assisi, Religious, 1253

**Friday 12 August**—comm-Blane, Missionary, c.590

**Saturday 13 August**—comm- Jeremy Taylor, Bishop, 1667

**1030am-1130am St Johns—Gardening Hour**

Next Sunday 14 August **Pentecost 10**

## **BACK PACK Sunday**

0945am St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

## **St Johns Building works continue**

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 at Holy Trinity Paisley



## **Sunday 14 August—BACK PACK Sunday**

school children, college students, uni students.... Bring your back pack for blessing as the new education year is about to begin—all infant, junior, senior, high, college, uni... learners welcome.



## **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, Raymond Bruce

**The Departed:** none



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**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 13 Aug 1030-1130

Sat 3 Sept 1030-1130

Sat 1 Oct 1030-1130



**THE RETURN of St Margaret's Quiz Night Friday 9 Sept 7pm—see Magazine for booking details**

**August Rota**—out at the back of church today

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