

## COLLECT

**Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING Isaiah 40.1–11

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' 6 A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. 9 Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' 10 See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

## Responsorial PSALM Psalm 85.1–2, 8–13

**Response: Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins. **R** 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. **R** 10 Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R** 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. 13 Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R**

## SECOND READING 2 Peter 3.8–15a

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

8 Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. 11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements

will melt with fire? 13 But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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## GOSPEL Mark 1.1–8

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

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; 3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"' 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; 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

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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

**All Sunday services are being streamed live this week**

we are online at [www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](http://www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)

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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—10 December **Advent 2**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

**Music at St Johns: LITANY—343—(LP 546)—66—188**

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rev Godfred

**Music at St Margarets: LITANY—343—(LP 546)—66—188**

### Monday 11 December—feria

4pm St Johns Reception of the body of the late Kenny Murdoch into church

### Tuesday 12 December—feria

11am St Johns Funeral of late Kenny Murdoch followed by cremation at Woodside

### Wednesday 13 December—feria

**St Johns Christmas Tree Festival Open 12noon-3pm**

**St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist —Curate**

**St Margarets 7pm Said Eucharist—Rector**

745pm St Margarets Vestry meeting in the hall

### Thursday 14 December—comm—John of the Cross, Priest,

*Teacher of the Faith, 1591*

### Friday 15 December—feria

**7pm St Margarets Ecumenical Carol Service**

### Saturday 16 December—feria

## Next Sunday 17 December **Advent 3**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector & Curate

**Music at St Johns: LITANY—631—(LP 546)—759—405**

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist— Rev Godfred & Rector

**Music at St Margarets: LITANY—851—(LP 546)—303—405**

**1pm St Margarets Christmas Meal at Glynhill Hotel**

**4pm Closing Event and Prize Giving at the St Johns Christmas Tree Festival with the Provost of Renfrewshire**

**Sponsor the Christmas Lights—£5 a day—give/send your money and message to the Rector**

**NB:- The Christmas Eve service at St Margarets will be at 8pm and not 1130pm this year**



**St Johns Raised £91.44 on Christ the King for WATER AID**

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:** Eleanor Hart, David Fowles, Liz Fairns, Pauline Campbell, Audrey Callaghan, Adam Semple, May Burton, Adrian Bull, Isobel Trail, Isabel Cummings, Moira Bruce, Neil Barclay, Veronica Whitelock, Jeanette Farquhar, Margaret Keys, Emily Parker, Sam Aaron, Andrew Mitchell, Raymond Bruce, Olly Mitchell, Joe Smith, Nan Grimstead, Eric Parker, Brian Angus, Geraldine Revie, Brenda Sproule, Hugh Smith, Donna Skalley, Kay Cherie

**The Departed:** Kenny Murdoch (funeral 11am Tues 12 Dec)

**Cycle of 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)

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**9am Morning Prayer on zoom this week**

**Pastoral Assistants Support every week:** please call Wilma 07714 525726, Rev Lisa Curtice 07802 888423 or Rev Robert Chambers 07968 279351 Rev Godfred 07466 608715

**St Johns Christmas Tree Festival—St Johns is collecting for St Vincents Hospice. See**

**[www.stvincentshospice.org](http://www.stvincentshospice.org) to find out more about their work and caring. RAFFLE TICKETS available at £1 a strip for the Xmas hamper, whisky and beauty products.**

**St Margarets is collecting for CRISIS during Advent and Christmas. The Christmas nativity scene lights will go up for Advent Sunday. Sponsorship forms will be in church and on the website next week. See [www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk) to learn about their work and the way they help people.**

**Vestry meetings:** St Johns 630pm Tues 19 Dec, St Margarets 745pm Wed 13 Dec  
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**Items for inclusion should be sent to**

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**Sponsorship: we pray for the work of CRISIS and St Vincent's Hospice as we raise funds for them this year**

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)