

COLLECT

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; 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 Deuteronomy 18.15–20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people; he said: 15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. 16 This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' 17 Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. 19 Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. 20 But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak – that prophet shall die.'

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 111

Response: Great are the deeds of the Lord!

1 Alleluia! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them. 3 His work is full of majesty and splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever. **R**

4 He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. 5 He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. 6 He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations. **R**

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure. 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity. **R**

9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name. 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 8.1–13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. 2 Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; 3 but anyone who loves God is known by him. 4 Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists,' and that 'there is no God but one.' 5 Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth – as in fact there are many gods and many lords – 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one

Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 7 It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

8 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 9 But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. 10 For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? 11 So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. 12 But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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GOSPEL Mark 1.21028

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to Christ our Saviour

21 The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. 22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. 23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 24 and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' 26 And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' 28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

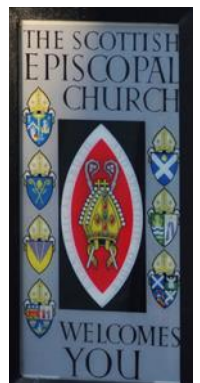
Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; 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

All Sunday services are being streamed live this week

we are online at 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—28 Jan 4th Sunday after Epiphany

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

Music at St Johns: 144—284—(LP 546)—35—758

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist— Rev Robert

Music at St Margarets: 144—332—517—758

Dean Reuben is at Dalry & Ardrossan

Monday 29 January—comm- Thomas Aquinas, Teacher of the Faith, 1274 (translated from 28 January)

Tuesday 30 January—comm-Charles I, King, 1649

12noon St Margarets Funeral & Bruial of late Edith Irksari

Wednesday 31 January—comm- Charles Mackenzie of Central Africa, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr, 1862

St Johns no service today Clergy Safeguarding training

St Margarets 7pm Said Eucharist—Rector

Thursday 1 February—comm- Bride of Kildare, Abbess, c.525

Friday 2 February—festival- The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday 3 February—comm- Saints and Martyrs of Europe

Next Sunday 4 Feb Celebrating Candlemas

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate

Music at St Johns: 28—375—(LP 546)—582—605

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist— Rev Robert

Music at St Margarets: 28—582—438—605

Dean Reuben is at Kilmarnoch

Dates for the coming months:-

Ash Wednesday 14 February 2pm Said Service at St Johns & 7pm Sung Service at St Margarets both with Ashing

Mothering Sunday 10 March

Palm Sunday 24 March

Maundy Thursday 28 March 730pm Last Supper Eucharist and feet washing and Vigil in St Margarets until 10pm

Good Friday 29 March Ecumenical walks to be announced 2pm St Johns "An hour at the Cross"

Easter Day 31 March

2024 Confirmations at St Margarets

1130am Sunday 26 May (*change of date from last pewsheet*) with Bp Kevin—please see Vanessa for details of the preparation sessions for children and adults.



Intercessions The sick and in need we have promised to

pray for: 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, 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 Cherrie, Ruby Robertson, Judith Thorley, Bishop Kevin, Anna Gatherer, Brenda McEwan, May Robertson, Helen Robertson

The Departed: Eleanor Hart, Edith Irksari, Margaret Keys

Cycle of Prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet

Weekly downloads the PEWSHEET, the INTERCESSION SHEET, the GOSPEL REFLECTION from

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

The Daily Offices can be followed on the provincial website at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>



Zoom Morning Prayer 9am for 20mins

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

Gardening Hour at St Johns begins in February 1030-1130 Sat 10 February, Sat 9 March, Sat 13 April, Sat 11 May, Sat 8 June, Sat 13 July, Sat 10 August, Sat 14 September, Sat 12 October & Sat 9 November

Bishop Kevin is recuperating well after his hospitalization—he will be needing to take it easy for a few weeks to get his strength back.



Please bring your PALM CROSSES to Church to be burned to make the Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

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by 0900 on Wednesdays.

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

Sponsorship: we pray for clergy new to the SEC: for Rev Tess Lowe at the East End Episcopal Churches

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