

**COLLECT**

**Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING Exodus 20.1–17**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

1 Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labour and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. 12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. 13 You shall not murder. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22.22–30**

**Response: You, Lord, have the words of eternal life.**

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. 2 One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. 3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. **R** 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R** 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. **R** 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R** 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. 12 Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence. **R** 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.18–25**

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

18 The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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**GOSPEL John 2.13–22**

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

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' 18 The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' 19 Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' 20 They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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**

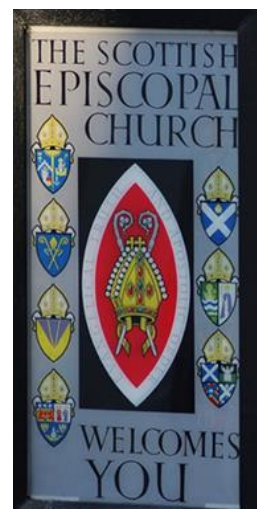
The notices for the week are on the reverse of this sheet

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This sheet is also on our website—let others know how to find it and to follow week by week.

**730pm Tuesdays in Lent is our Regional Study Group**

**7pm Fridays in Lent is Stations of the Cross**





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

The Scottish Episcopal Church United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway  
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**All Sunday services are being streamed live this week**

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Passcode: 076546 or use the link on the newsletter or website



## **Worship today—3 March Lent 3**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate & Rector

**Music at St Johns: 343—476—(LP 546)—161—511**

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist— Rector

**Music at St Margarets: 343—476—(LP 546)—161—852**

**Monday 4 March**—comm-Adrian of May Island, Abbot, and Companions, Martyrs, 875

**Tuesday 5 March**—comm- John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791 and 1788 (translated from 3 March)

**730pm Regional Lent Course on zoom ALL of LIFE**

**Wednesday 6 March**—comm-Baldred, Bishop, 608

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

**St Margarets 7pm Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert**

**Thursday 7 March**—comm- Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs, 203

**Friday 8 March**—comm-Duthac, Bishop, 1068

**7pm Stations of the Cross for Lent** hosted at St Margarets

**Saturday 9 March**—feria

**St Johns Gardening Hour 1030-1130**

**12noon Diocesan Service**—Licensing of Rev Peter Bradley as P-i -C St Brides Hyndland

## **Next Sunday 10 March Lent 4—Mothering Sunday**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

**Music at St Johns: 25—29—(LP 546)—51—605**

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist— Rector

**Music at St Margarets: 25—29—(LP 546)—72—605**

## **Dates for the coming months:-**

**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 with Bp Kevin—please see Vanessa for details of the preparation sessions for children and adults.



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: 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, Donna Skalley, Kay Cherrie, Ruby Robertson, Judith Thorley, Bishop Kevin, Anna Gatherer, Brenda McEwan, May Robertson, Helen Robertson, Margaret Fry  
**The Departed:** none  
**Cycle of Prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet**



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**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** 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



**Stations of the Cross for Lent** is at 7pm hosted at St Margarets. We follow the last journey of Christ with his cross and reflect upon its meaning for today. 30-40mins

**Lent Study Group** continues on Tuesday at 730pm on zoom, come along and invite others too.

Using the zoom details above.

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**Sponsorship: we pray for the Rev Peter Bradley as he is Licensed as Priest-in-Charge at St Brides on Saturday**

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