

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33.14–16

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

14 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise

I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

15 In those days and at that time

I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

And this is the name by which it will be called:

'The LORD is our righteousness.'

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

Responsorial PSALM Psalm 25.1–10

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **R**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **R**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. 8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. **R**

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. 10 For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3.9–13

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

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

GOSPEL Luke 21.25–36

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said to his disciples:

25 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world,

for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

27 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory.

28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

29 Then he told them a parable:

'Look at the fig tree and all the trees;

30 as soon as they sprout leaves

you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place,

you know that the kingdom of God is near.

32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness

and the worries of this life,

35 and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.

For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

36 Be alert at all times,

praying that you may have the strength

to escape all these things that will take place,

and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

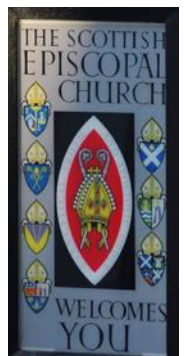
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of 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—please take this pewsheets home & pass it onto a friend or neighbour. This sheet is also on our website—let others know how to find it and to follow week by week.





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

Facebook: [@stmargaretsrenfrew.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/stmargaretsrenfrew.org.uk) [@StJohnsJohnstone2023](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsJohnstone2023)

Zoom/Telephone is Tel:01314601196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407

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



Worship today—1 Dec Advent Sunday

0945 St Johns Litany & Sung Eucharist—**Rector**

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

1130am St Margarets Litany & Sung Eucharist—**Rector**

Music at St Margarets: Litany—781—(LP 546)—66—188

4pm St Margarets Christingle Event

Monday 2 Dec—comm-Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637

Tuesday 3 Dec—comm-Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552

Wednesday 4 Dec—comm-Clement of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, c.214

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist—Rector

St Margarets 7pm Said Eucharist—Rev Robert

Thursday 5 Dec—comm-Charles de Foucauld, Priest and Hermit, 1916 (transferred from 1 December)

Friday 6 Dec—comm-Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, 4th century
St Margarets Holy Hour 7pm-8pm

Saturday 7 Dec—comm-Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 397

St Johns Gardening tidy for the winter 1030-1130

Next Sunday 8 Dec Advent 2

0945 St Johns Litany & Sung Eucharist—**Rev Robert**

Music at St Johns: Litany—527—(LP 546)—66—105

1130am St Margarets Litany & Eucharist—**Rev Robert**

Music at St Margarets: Litany—527—(LP 546)—582—105



Intercessions The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: David Fowles, Liz Fairns, Audrey Callaghan, Adam Semple, Adrian Bull, Moira Bruce, Neil Barclay, Veronica Whitelock, Emily Parker, Sam Aaron, Raymond Bruce, Olly Mitchell, Joe Smith, Eric Parker, Geraldine Revie, Brenda Sproule, Ruby Robertson, Anna Gatherer, Craig Cameron, David Vince, Andy Doig, David & Trixie Preston, Scott Taylor, George Wilmshurst, Judith Thorley, Josephine Lynch

The Departed: none

The Elderly and Infirm unable to get to church: Isabel Cummings, Isabel Reed, Kay Charrie, May Burton Pauline Campbell, Nan Grimstead, Gill Reynolds

Cycle of Prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet online



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

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

Pastoral Assistants Support every week:

please call Wilma 07714 525726 or
Rev Robert Chambers 07968 279351

Gardening Hour at St Johns Saturday 7 Dec to clear and tidy for winter —please bring garden waste bags

St John's needs a Treasurer, a Property Convenor and a Vestry member to ensure it reaches its Constitutional requirements

St Margarets: 1 post on the Vestry need filling and this will be by co-option

Holy Communion at home or in hospital—please contact the Rector if you are unable to get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion where you are.

Copies of **ADVENT EXTRA** are available £3 each as we look to the start of the Advent on 1 Dec. or each day of the season a reflection and prayer pointers.



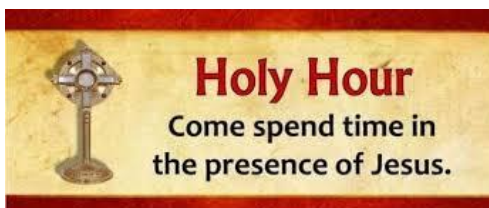
Renfrewshire Carers

St Margarets is collecting for the Renfrewshire Carers group. Sponsor the Nativity lights for £5 a day and have your designation put on the website.

Holy Hour 7pm-8pm

Friday 6 & 13 Dec

An hour of silence and music to just sit and be with God in prayer for Advent



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Sponsorship: we pray for the Preparatory Committee as they interview possible Bishop candidates next week

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)