

COLLECT

O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our Saviour, so we may with confidence behold him as he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 2.18–20, 26

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

18 Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.

19 His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

26 Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

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

Responsorial PSALM Psalm 148

Response: Praise, O praise the name of the Lord.

1 Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. **R** 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created. 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; **R**

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together. **R**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 3.12–17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach

and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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GOSPEL Luke 2.41–52

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

41 Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

44 Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey.

Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this?

Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.'

49 He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'

50 But they did not understand what he said to them.

51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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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Passcode: 076546 or use the link on the newsletter or website



Worship today—29 Dec Christmas 1

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: 54—221—(LP 546)—729—716

1130am St Margarets Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 54—221—(LP 546)—419—716

Monday 30 Dec—comm-Josephine Butler, 1906

Tuesday 31 Dec—comm-John Wycliffe, Priest, 1384

Wednesday 1 Jan 2025—festival-The Naming of Jesus

Bank Holiday—no services

Thursday 2 Jan—comm-Seraphim of Sarov, 1833

Friday 3 Jan—comm-Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop and Martyr, 1170 (transferred from 29 December)

Saturday 4 Jan-feria

Next Sunday 5 Jan Epiphany Celebration

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: 724—49—(LP 546)—74—359

1130am St Margarets Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 724—49—552—359

1230 Joint Epiphany lunch to celebrate

Reuben's 60th B'day and Epiphany—please add your contribution to the

list at the back of church if you would like to



Renfrewshire Carers

St Margarets is collecting for the Renfrewshire Carers group. The basket will remain out until Epiphany to receive donations. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the lights.

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Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate our church buildings for Christmas—flower arrangers, cleaners, and music makers

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

Sponsorship: we pray for the 3 Episcopal candidates as they prepare to speak to the Electoral Synod on Sat 11 Jan

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)

Intercessions The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: David Fowles, Liz Fairns, Audrey Callaghan, 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, Andy Doig, David & Trixie Preston, Gloria & Chris Nelson, Scott Taylor, George Wilmshurst, Judith Thorley, Josephine Lynch, Stuart Russell

The Departed: Carol Elliott-Williams

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

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Pastoral Assistants Support every week:

please call Wilma 07714 525726 or

Rev Robert Chambers 07968 279351

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.

"Building a Future for St Johns" total so far to be is £4650 plus the donations given on Christmas Day at the 150 Anniversary Celebration

Vestry meetings coming up soon:

St Johns 630pm 7th Jan, 4th Mar, 6th May, 8th Jul, 2nd Sept, Oct tbc & AGM 26 Oct

St Margarets 745pm 8th Jan, 5th Mar, 7th May, 9th July, 3rd Sept, Oct tbc & AGM 2 Nov

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