

Epiphany Celebration

Sunday 5 January 2025

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COLLECT

O God, who, by the guidance of a star, revealed your only begotten Son to the nations: Grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at the last be led to see your glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 60.1-6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. 5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

Responsorial PSALM **Psalms 72.1-7, 10-14**

Response: Kings bow down before him; all the nations do him service.

1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; 2 That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. **R**

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **R**

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. 11 All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. **R**

12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R**

SECOND READING **Ephesians 3.1-12**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

1 I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – 2 for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, 3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, 4 a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 5 In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: 6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7 Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. 8 Although I am the very least of all the saints,

this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, 9 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 10 so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

GOSPEL **Matthew 2.1-12**

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

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 2 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6 "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognise Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. 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

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Worship today—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 Epiphany and Reuben's 60th B'day



Monday 6 Jan—festival-Epiphany

Tuesday 7 Jan—feria

6.30pm St Johns Vestry meeting

Wednesday 8 Jan—feria

2pm St Johns Holy Communion

7pm St Margarets Holy Communion

745pm St Margarets Vestry meeting

Thursday 9 Jan—feria

Friday 10 Jan—comm-William Laud, Bishop, 1645

Saturday 11 Jan—feria

10am—approx. 5pm Episcopal Synod at Holy Trinity Paisley

Next Sunday 12 Jan Baptism of the Lord

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—

Rev Robert

Music at St Johns: 85—552—(LP 546)—74—259

1130am St Margarets Eucharist—

Rev Robert

Music at St Margarets: 85—552—150—259



Renfrewshire Carers

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



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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.

Stations of the Nativity
Tuesday 21 & 28 January
7pm-8pm at St Margarets

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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