

Epiphany 2—Baptism of the Lord

Sunday 12 January 2025

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COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we, being born again, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 43.1–7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

1 Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. 5 Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

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

Responsorial PSALM Psalm 29

Response: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. R

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. R

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. R

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. 9 And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, 'Glory!' R

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. R

SECOND READING Acts 8.14–17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

14 When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit

16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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GOSPEL Luke 3.15–17, 21–22

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to Christ our Saviour

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,

16 John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water;

but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

17 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,

22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,

'You are my Son, the Beloved;

with you I am well pleased.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.

BLESSING

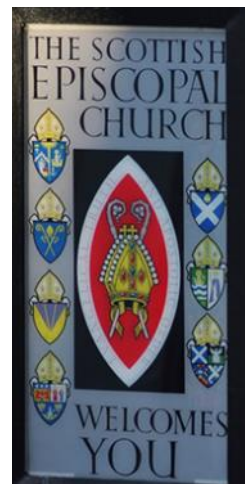
Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

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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—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



Monday 13 Jan—comm- Kentigern (or Mungo), Bishop c.603

Tuesday 14 Jan—comm-Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, c.367

Wednesday 15 Jan—feria

2pm St Johns Holy Communion— Rev Robert

7pm St Margarets Holy Communion—Rev Robert

Thursday 16 Jan—feria

Friday 17 Jan—comm-Antony of Egypt, Abbot, 356

Saturday 18 Jan—comm-The Confession of Peter

10am—until finished Electoral Synod at Holy Trinity Paisley

Next Sunday 19 Jan Epiphany 2

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: 314—411—(LP 546)—343—352

1130am St Margarets Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 314—411—343—352

Important dates for the coming weeks:-

Friday 7 February—7pm Quiz Night at St Margarets

Wednesday 5 February—7pm Regional Council meeting

Wednesday 5 March—**Ash Wednesday** 2pm & 7pm services

Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday 945 & 1130

Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday 945 & 1130

Thursday 17 April Maundy Thursday 7pm at St Margarets

Friday 18 April Good Friday 2pm at St Johns & 7pm Ecumenical in Renfrew TBC

Sunday 20 April EASTER DAY 945 & 1130

Sunday 27 April 1130 Confirmations at St Margarets TBC



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, 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

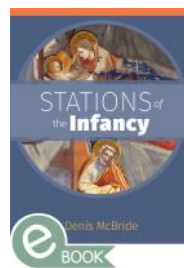
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Pastoral Assistants Support every week:

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.

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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Sponsorship: we pray for the work of the Electoral Synod as it votes this week for a new bishop for the diocese

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