

# 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday 26 January 2025

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## COLLECT

**Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING Nehemiah 8.1–3, 5–6, 8–10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

1 All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. 2 Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. 3 He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. 8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' **For the word of the Lord THANKS BE TO GOD**

## Responsorial PSALM Psalm 19

**Response: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are 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 12.12–31a

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

12 Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body,

each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts.

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

## GOSPEL Luke 4.14–21

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

14 Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 18 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' 20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

**Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.**

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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

**All Sunday services are being streamed live this week**

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## **Worship today—26 Jan Epiphany 3**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: 259—45—(LP 546)—72—485

1130am St Margarets Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 221—45—72—438

**Monday 27 Jan**—comm- John Chrysostom, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 407

**Tuesday 28 Jan**—comm-Thomas Aquinas, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

7pm-8pm Stations of the Infancy at St Margarets

**Wednesday 29 Jan**—comm-Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2pm St Johns Holy Communion— Rev Robert Chambers

7pm St Margarets Holy Communion-Rector

**Thursday 30 Jan**—comm-Charles I, King, 1649

**Friday 31 Jan**—comm-Charles Mackenzie of Central Africa, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr, 1862

**Saturday 1 Feb**—comm-Bride of Kildare, Abbess, c.525

**Next Sunday 2 Feb**

## **The Presentation of the Lord**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist

—Rev Robert Chambers

Music at St Johns: 28—375—(LP 546)—582—605

1130am St Margarets Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 28—582—438—605



## **Important dates :-**

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

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



**Confirmation Forms** on the website

**Quiz Night**— please add names on the list at the back of Church please

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, Craig Cameron, Andy Doig, David & Trixie Preston, Gloria & Chris Nelson, Scott Taylor, George Wilmshurst, Judith Thorley, Josephine Lynch, Stuart Russell, Jeanette Elder, Fred Thorley, Ellen Reilly  
**The Departed:** Carol Elliott-Williams (Fri 31 Jan)  
**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**

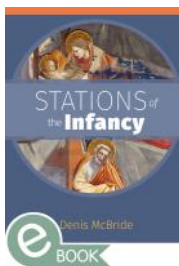
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**Pastoral Assistants Support every week:**

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 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 5th Mar, 7th May, 9th July, 3rd Sept, Oct tbc & AGM 2 Nov

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