

The Presentation of the Lord

Sunday 2 February 2025

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COLLECT

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Malachi 3.1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: 1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; 3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. 4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. 5 Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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

Responsorial PSALM Psalm 24. 7–10

Response: The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 'Who is this King of glory?'

'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.' R

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 'Who is he, this King of glory?'

'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.' R

SECOND READING Hebrews 2.14–18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

14 Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. 16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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GOSPEL Luke 2.22–40

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to Christ our Saviour

22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), 24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' 36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phenuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever.

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—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



Monday 3 Feb—comm-Saints and Martyrs of Europe

Tuesday 4 Feb—feria

Wednesday 5 Feb—feria

2pm St Johns Holy Communion— Rector

7pm St Margarets—No Service due to Regional Council

7pm Regional Council meeting at Port Glasgow

Thursday 6 Feb—feria

Friday 7 Feb—feria

7pm Quiz Night at St Margarets

Saturday 8 Feb-feria

1030-1130 St Johns Gardening Hour

Next Sunday 9 Feb—5th Sunday after Epiphany

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

Music at St Johns: 144—284—(LP 546)—35—758

1130am St Margarets Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 144—332—517—758

Important dates :-

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 last week to sign up

Our Bishop-elect is

Rev Cn Nicholas Bundock

signs election mandate with the Primus

we pray for him and his

wife Rachel and two children

as they prepare to move here.

Consecration date Sat 3 May 2pm

at our Cathedral



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: 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

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 needs filling and this will be by co-option (candidate now in mind)

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.

2025 St Johns Gardening

Hours—Sats 8 Feb, 8 March, 12

April, 10 May, 14 June, 12 July, 9

August, 13 Sept, 11 Oct, 8 Nov



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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