

Collect

Almighty God, grant us the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we who can do nothing good without you may live according to your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 65.1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word of the Lord through the prophet: 1 I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am,' to a nation that did not call on my name. 2 I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; 3 a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; 4 who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; 5 who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. 6 See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps 7 their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. 8 Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. 9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22.18–27

Response: All the ends of the earth shall bow before him.

18 Be not far away, O Lord; You are my strength; hasten to help me. 19 Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. R 21 I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. R 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them. 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. R 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: 'May your heart live for ever!' 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations. R

SECOND READING Galatians 3.23–29

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

23 Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to

the promise.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 8.26–39

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – 29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. 32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, as we are nourished by heavenly food, may we live according to your will and show the fruits of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: 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—22 June—**Pentecost 2**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

Music at St Johns: 716, 72—(LP 546)—67—359

1130am St Margarets Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 716, 67—298—419

Monday 23 June—comm-Alban, Martyr, c.303 (transferred from 22 June)

Tuesday 24 June—festival-The Birth of John the Baptist

Wednesday 25 June—comm-Moluag of Lismore, Bishop, 592

130pm St Margarets Funeral of Pat Shearer

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rev Robert Chambers

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rev Robert Chambers

Thursday 26 June—comm- Robert Leighton, Bishop, 1684

Friday 27 June—comm-Alexander Jolly, Bishop, 1838

Saturday 28 June—comm-Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, c.202

Next Sunday 29 June—Pentecost 3

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

Music at St Johns: 343, 70—(LP 546)—212—131

1130am St Margarets Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 343, 70, 620, 125

St Margarets **Coffee&Connect 2 Aug, 4 Oct**

Coffee Morning in the hall 10-1130am a chance to meet with folk from around the area and say hello in a relaxed atmosphere with coffee and biscuits and with a tombola.



Pat Shearer's funeral service will be at 130pm on Wednesday 25 May at St Margarets followed by Cremation at Hurlet Crematorium. Details of the Funeral Tea will follow



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St John's needs a Treasurer and a Vestry member to ensure it reaches its Constitutional requirements

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 12 July, 9 August, 13 Sept, 11 Oct, 8 Nov



Vestry meetings coming up soon:

St Johns 630pm **1st July 8th Jul**, 2nd Sept,

Oct tbc & AGM 26 Oct &

St Margarets 745pm **2nd**

July 9th July, 3rd Sept,

Oct tbc & AGM 2 Nov



Please note a change of date due to outside circumstances

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Sponsorship: we pray for Pat Shearers family as they grieve for her

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