

Collect

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 18.1–10a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1 The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' 7 Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' 10 Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15

Response: Those who do what is right will dwell in the presence of the Lord.

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill? 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart. **R** 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour. 4 In his sight the wicked are rejected, but he honours those who fear the Lord. **R** 5 He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word. 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. 7 Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 1.15-28

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

15 Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – 23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the

hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. 24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25 I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 10.38-42

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

38 Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

41 But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

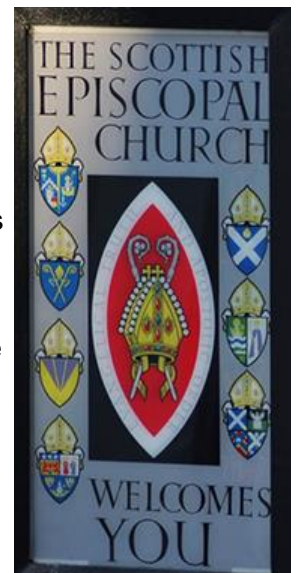
Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our 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 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

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—20 July—**Pentecost 6**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

Music at St Johns: 54, 212—(LP 546)—758—531

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 448, 212, 82, 758

& 1pm St Johns Congregational Lunch

at Marmalade Pot book with Olive

Monday 21 July—comm-William Wilberforce, 1833

Tuesday 22 July—festival-Mary Magdalene

Wednesday 23 July—feria

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rector

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rector

Thursday 24 July—comm-Jane Haining, Missionary and Martyr, 1944

Friday 25 July—festival-James, Apostle

Saturday 26 July—comm-Anne and Joachim, Parents of Mary, Mother of the Lord

Next Sunday 27 July—Pentecost 7

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rev Robert

Music at St Johns: 718, 131—(LP 546)—437—716

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert

Music at St Margarets: 172, 131, 437, 716

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 raffle.



Back Pack Sunday

Back to School Sunday 17 August
- a chance to pray and hope for the year ahead.

Our opportunity to pray for pupils, students, mature learners, teaching staff, support staff and those who support children and learners.



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, Ruby Robertson, Craig Cameron, David & Trixie Preston, Gloria & Chris Nelson, Scott Taylor, George Wilmshurst, Judith Thorley, Josephine Lynch, Fred Thorley, Ellen Reilly, Gordon McLellan, Sarah Anne and Robert Alcorn, Tosh Lynch, Ailene Ross

The Departed: none

The Elderly and Infirm unable to get to church: Isabel Reed, Kay Cherry, May Burton, Pauline Campbell, Nan Grimstead



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 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 9 August, 13 Sept, 11 Oct, 8 Nov



Vestry meetings coming up soon:

St Johns 630pm **TBC Aug** 2nd Sept, Oct tbc & AGM 26 Oct &

St Margarets 745pm **2nd July 9th July**, 3rd Sept, Oct tbc & AGM 2 Nov



There will be a Vestry meeting in August tbc to look at the Natural Church Development materials

Church Contacts

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Items for inclusion on this sheet should be sent to Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk **by 0900 on Wednesdays.**

To ask about arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please contact the Rector

Sponsorship: we pray for church members facing challenges looking after family members

If you would like to sponsor this sheet please send you £5 donation to the Rector along with details of the sponsorship (even if anonymous)