

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 18.20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre 20 and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! 21 I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' 22 So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' 26 And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' 27 Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' 29 Again Abraham spoke to the LORD, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' 30 Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' 31 Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' 32 Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 138

Response: When I called, you answered me, O Lord.

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; 3 For you have glorified your name and your word above all things. **R** 4 When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth. 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar. **R** 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 2.6-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters, 6 as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe,

and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Gospel Luke 11.1-13

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

1 Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' 2 He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' 5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." 7 And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 9 So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. 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—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

Monday 28 July—comm-John Comper, Priest, 1903

(transferred from 27 July)

Tuesday 29 July—comm-Martha and Mary of Bethany

Wednesday 30 July—comm-Silas, Companion of Saint Paul

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rev Robert

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rev Robert

Thursday 31 July—comm-Ignatius Loyola, Priest and Religious, 1556

Friday 1 August—feria

Saturday 2 August—feria

10-1130am Coffee&Connect at St Margarets Hall

Next Sunday 3 Aug—Pentecost 8

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

Music at St Johns: 494, 299—(LP 546)—408—8

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 636, 299, 408, 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 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.

Invite folk along to pray for a good year ahead



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

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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 those with family member living with dementia

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