

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12–14; 2.18–23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. 12 I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, 13 applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. 18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – 19 and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, 21 because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 23 For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 49.1-12

Response: My mouth, O Lord, shall speak of wisdom.

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, you of high degree and low, rich and poor together. 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding. **R**

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp. 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me, 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, and boast of their great riches? **R**

6 We can never ransom ourselves, or deliver to God the price of our life; 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, that we should never have enough to pay it, 8 In order to live for ever and ever, and never see the grave. **R**

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them. 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they call the lands after their own names. **R**

11 Even though honoured, they cannot live for ever; they are like the beasts that perish. 12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, and the end of those who delight in their own words. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 3.1–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

1 If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore,

whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8 But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 12.13–21

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

13 Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' 14 But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15 And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' 16 Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" 18 Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20 But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

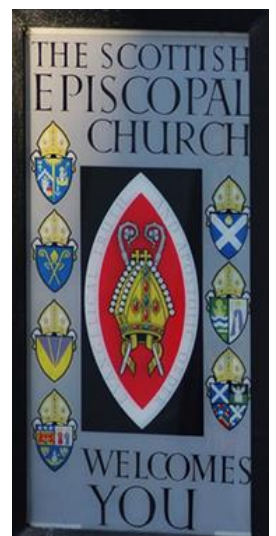
God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you for ever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 notices for the week are on the reverse of this sheet—take this pewsheets home to pass on to neighbours and friends.

This sheet is also on our website—let others know how to find it to follow week by week.





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—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

Monday 4 Aug—feria

Tuesday 5 Aug—comm-Oswald of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

1pm Net Zero Team visiting St Margarets

6pm Licensing of Rev Audrey as the new P-i-C at Lenzie

Wednesday 6 Aug—Festival-The Transfiguration of the Lord

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rector

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rector

Thursday 7 Aug—feria

Friday 8 August—comm-Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221

Saturday 9 August—comm-John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866

1030-1130 St Johns Gardening Hour

3pm at St Andrews Ardrossan - Ordination to the Priesthood of Margaret Williams

Next Sunday 10 Aug—Pentecost 9

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

Music at St Johns: 408, 494—(LP 546)—718—695

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 408, 299, 72, 695



St Margarets
Coffee&Connect 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 at-
mosphere 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, stu-
dents, 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, Gor-
don 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 Com-
munion 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**

**NetZero Team will be coming to St Margarets
on Tuesday at 1pm to look at the building and
give us ideas as to how we might think about
greening our building. Please come and join in
the conversation.**

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 Rev Audrey becoming the new priest at Lenzie and Rev Margaret Williams to be priested

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