

Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 15.1–6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

1 The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' 2 But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' 3 And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' 4 But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' 5 The Lord brought Abraham outside and said, 'Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' 6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33.12–22

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own!

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own! 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world. 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth. R 15 He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works. 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; the strong are not delivered by great strength. 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save. R 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love, 19 To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine. R 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy name we put our trust. 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you. R

SECOND READING Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' 13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 12.32–40

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

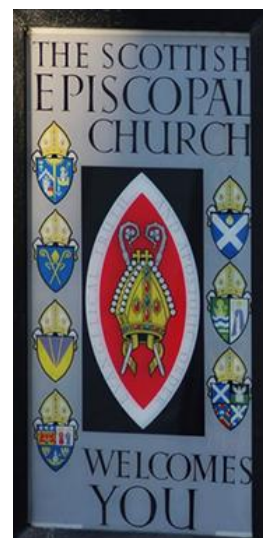
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. 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 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.





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—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

Monday 11 Aug—comm-Clare of Assisi, Religious, 1253

Tuesday 12 Aug—comm-Blane, Missionary, c.590

Wednesday 13 Aug—comm-Jeremy Taylor, Bishop, 1667

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rev Robert Chambers

6pm Licensing of Rural Dean at New Galloway

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rev Robert Chambers

7pm Regional Council at Greenock

Thursday 14 Aug—comm-Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, 1941

Friday 15 August—Festival-Mary the Virgin

Saturday 16 August—comm-Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, 258 (transferred from 10 August)

Next Sunday 17 Aug—Pentecost 10

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

Music at St Johns: 450-82—(LP 546)—819—606

1130am St Margarets Back-Pack Sunday Eucharist

Music at St Margarets: 450-82—819—525

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

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 atmosphere with coffee and biscuits and with a raffle.



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

NetZero Team will be coming to St Margarets to help us think about heating and lighting in the coming years



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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 Dr Elizabeth Breakey being made Rural Dean for the Diocese

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