

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23.23–29

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

23 Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off?
24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.
25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!'
26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?
27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal.
28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD.
29 Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 82

Response: Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgement in the midst of the gods: 2 'How long will you judge unjustly, and show favour to the wicked? R
3 Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; 4 Rescue the weak and the poor deliver them from the power of the wicked. R
5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. R
6 Now I say to you, "You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince." 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for you own. R

SECOND READING Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

29 By faith the people passed of Israel through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. 32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 12.49–56

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 49 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' 54 He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, 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.





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—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

Monday 18 Aug—feria

Tuesday 19 Aug—feria

no extra Vestry meeting at St Johns as discussed

Wednesday 20 Aug—comm-Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot and Teacher of the Faith, 1153

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rector

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rector

Thursday 21 Aug—feria

Friday 22 August—feria

Saturday 23 August—feria

Next Sunday 24 Aug—Pentecost 11

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

Music at St Johns: 565-272—(LP 546)—70—606

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist

Music at St Margarets: 565-272—70—606

The Back-Pack Sunday prayer

Gracious God, we lift to you today, all students. As they are ready to receive your blessings and commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead, we ask your blessing on each of them. Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As students and staff carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day. We pray as well for the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well. We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek learn from and follow day by day. Amen.



Door Open Day <https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/>

Sat 6 Sept

St Margarets

Open 10am-2pm

**DOORS
OPEN
DAYS 2025**

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

Sponsorship: we pray for pupils and students beginning a new academic year

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)

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 13 Sept, 11 Oct, 8 Nov

Vestry meetings coming up soon:

St Johns 630pm 2nd-Sept, Oct tbc & AGM 26

Oct & St Margarets 745pm 3rd-Sept, Oct tbc & AGM 2 Nov

September Vestry meeting changes due to Rector's time away due to his mums death
St John's Tuesday 23 Sept
St Margarets Wednesday 24 Sept
Do these dates work for folk?

Church Contacts

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