

Collect

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 10.12–18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. 13 For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. 14 The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. 15 The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. 16 The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. 17 He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. 18 Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 112

Response: Light shines in the darkness for the upright.

1 Alleluia! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments! 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever. **R**

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. 6 For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. **R**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord. 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. **R**

9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 13.1–8, 15–16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

1 Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake

you.' 6 So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Gospel Luke 14.1, 7–14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 8 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

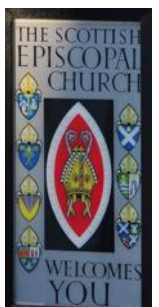
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. 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.





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

Facebook: [@stmargaretsrenfrew.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/stmargaretsrenfrew.org.uk) [@StJohnsJohnstone2023](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsJohnstone2023)

Zoom/Telephone is Tel:01314601196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407

Passcode: 076546 or use the link on the newsletter or website



Worship today—31 Aug—Pentecost 12

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

Music at St Johns: 184-625—(LP 546)—35—169

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist —Rector

Music at St Margarets: 371-413—387—525

Monday 1 Sept—comm-Aidan of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 651
(transferred from 31 August)

Tuesday 2 Sept—comm-The Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942

Wednesday 3 Sept—comm-Gregory the Great, Bishop and
Teacher of the Faith, 604

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rev Robert Chambers

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rev Robert Chambers

Thursday 4 Sept—feria

Friday 5 Sept—feria

Saturday 6 Sept—feria

Doors Open Day 10am-2pm St Margarets

Next Sunday 7 Sept—Pentecost 13

Season of Creation-week 1

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rev Robert Chambers

Music at St Johns: 558-719—(LP 546)—184—392

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist —Rev Robert

Music at St Margarets: 558-915(listen first)—184—719

Door Open Day

<https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/>

Sat 6 Sept

St Margarets

Open 10am-2pm

DOORS
OPEN
DAYS 2025

Dates for the Diary coming up soon...

Sat 6 Sept - Doors Open day 10am-2pm St Margarets

Friday 19 Sept - 7pm Quiz Night at St Margarets

Sunday 5 October - Harvest Festival across the SEC

Monday 6 October - 7pm Choir Concert at St Johns

Sunday 26 October - 11am St Johns AGM

Sunday 2 November - 1245pm St Margarets AGM

Nurturing ourselves and learning about our **Spiritual Intelli-**

gence with *The Guild of Health and St Raphael* - a 6 part zoom
course hosted by the Rector for the Renfrewshire Region 7pm Sun-
day evenings beginning Sunday 28 September - video teaching
input, conversation, reflection and shared prayer - see posters in
the hall for more details. See <https://gohealth.org.uk> for more
details. **Pick up a leaflet for details.**

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

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 c

now set on **St John's**

Tues 23 Sept & St

Margarets Wed 24



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

Sponsorship: we pray for a desire to find a way to bring peace in the Holy Land

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)