

Collect

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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 Deuteronomy 30.15–20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 1

Response: Lord, my delight is in your law.

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night. **R**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. 4 It is not so with the wicked: they are like chaff which the wind blows away; **R**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, or the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. **R**

SECOND READING Philemon 1–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon.

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, 2 to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God 5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. 7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. 8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, 9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now

also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 14.25–33

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

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 26 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

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 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—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

Monday 8 Sept—Festival—The Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord

Tuesday 9 Sept—feria

Wednesday 10 Sept—feria

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rev Robert Chambers

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rev Robert Chambers

Thursday 11 Sept—feria

Friday 12 Sept—feria

Saturday 13 Sept—comm—Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 258

St Johns Gardening Hour 1030-1130

Next Sunday 14 Sept—Pentecost 14 **Season of Creation-week 2**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rev Robert Chambers

Music at St Johns: 29-649—(LP 546)—448—314

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist —Rev Robert

Music at St Margarets: 29-649829(listen first)—314

Quiz Night Friday 19 September

7 for 730 start

Tickets and sign up at the back of Church



Dates for the Diary coming up soon...

Friday 19 Sept - 7pm Quiz Night at St Margarets

Sunday 5 October - Harvest Festival across the SEC

Monday 6 October - 7pm Aria Concert at St Johns

tickets from Olive £10

Sunday 26 October - 11am St Johns AGM

Sunday 2 November - 1245pm St Margarets AGM

Nurturing ourselves and learning about our **Spiritual Intelligence** with *The Guild of Health and St Raphael* - a 6 part zoom course hosted by the Rector for the Renfrewshire Region 7pm Sunday 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 meetings

now set on **St John's**
Tues 23 Sept & St Margarets Wed 24 Sept



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Items for inclusion on this sheet should be sent to
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by 0900 on Wednesdays.

Sponsorship: we pray for our Ecumenical colleagues in Renfrew and Johnstone areas

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