

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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 Amos 8.4–7

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, 5 saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, 6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' 7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 113

Response: Give praise to the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1 Alleluia! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord. 2 Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised. 4 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. **R**

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth? 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes. **R**

7 He sets them with the princes, with the princes of his people. 8 He makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2.1–7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

My dearly beloved, 1 I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, 6 who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. 7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Luke 16.1–13

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

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." 3 Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" 6 He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." 7 Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." 8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

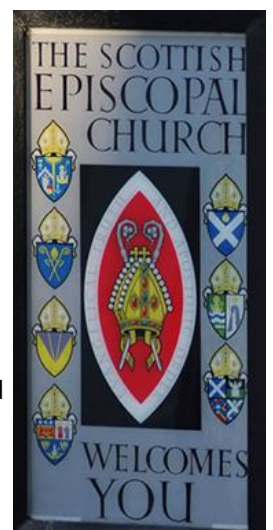
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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—21 Sept—Pentecost 15 **Season of Creation-week 3**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: 617-629—(LP 546)—195—252

1130am St Margarets RS Communion—LWL David Peden

Music at St Margarets: 617-195-386-252

Monday 22 Sept—festival—Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
(transferred from 21 September)

Tuesday 23 Sept—comm—Adamnan of Iona, Abbot, 704

630pm St Johns Vestry meeting

Wednesday 24 Sept—feria

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rector

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rector

745pm St Margarets Vestry meeting

Thursday 25 Sept—comm—Finnbar of Caithness, Bishop, c.610

Friday 26 Sept—feria

Saturday 27 Sept—comm—Vincent de Paul, Priest, 1660

Next Sunday 28 Sept—Pentecost 16 **Season of Creation-week 4**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

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

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist —Rector

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

7pm Spiritual Intelligence course starts on zoom

Dates for the Diary coming up soon...

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.



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 11 Oct, 8 Nov

Vestry meetings coming up soon:

St Johns 630pm 2nd Sept, 23 Sept, Oct tbc & AGM 26 Oct & St Margarets 745pm 3rd Sept, 24 Sept, Oct tbc & AGM 2 Nov



St Johns is collecting donations of spring bulbs to plant in the Garden at our next Gardening Day - the supermarkets have some good buys at the moment if you are able to donate some bulbs.

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 the Preston family as they lay Trixie to rest: may she rest in peace.

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)