

Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Amos 6.1a, 4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 1 Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria! 4 Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; 5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; 6 who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! 7 Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 146

Response: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

1 Alleluia! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. **R** 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God; 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. **R** 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6.6-19

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

6 There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. 11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, 14 I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord

Jesus Christ, 15 which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. 17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19 thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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Gospel Luke 16.19-31

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

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: 19 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." 25 But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." 27 The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – 28 for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." 29 Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." 30 He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." 31 Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel

Praise to Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING - or a seasonal alternative

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—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 link at the top of this sheet**

Monday 29 Sept—festival—Michael and All Angels

Tuesday 30 Sept—comm—Jerome, Priest & Teacher of the Faith, 420

Wednesday 1 Oct—comm—Gregory the Enlightener, Bishop, 'Apostle of Armenia', c.332

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rector

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rector

7pm Regional Council AGM hosted at Hillington

Thursday 2 Oct—comm—Finnbar of Caithness, Bishop, c.610

Bishop Nicks strategy planning trip for the Bishops Core Group & DC

Friday 3 Oct—feria

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Saturday 4 Oct—comm—Francis of Assisi, Deacon and Friar, 1226

Next Sunday 5 Oct—Pentecost 17 SEC Harvest Thanksgiving

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rector

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

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist —Rector

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

7pm Spiritual Intelligence course **continues on zoom link at the top of this sheet**

Dates for the Diary coming up soon...

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

Nuturing 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 at 7pm each Sunday evening <https://gohealth.org.uk> for more details. Pick up a leaflet for details. Use the Zoom link at the top of this page.



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



Produce (tins, packets etc) brought in for Harvest will be sent to the **Food Banks** and the collection over Harvest Lunch at St Margarets will go to Compassion

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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 Bishop Nick as he hosts a Strategic Planning Away Day events this week

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