

## Collect

**God, in whom all things are possible, You crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, so that none may hunger, none may thirst, and all may cherish the gifts of your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen.**

## FIRST READING Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk.

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. 2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? 3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4 So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgement comes forth perverted. 1 I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. 2 Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. 4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

*For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD*

## Responsorial Psalm Psalm 37.1-10

**Response: Wait patiently for the Lord.**

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches. **R** 4 Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire. 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass. 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday. **R** 7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil. 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. **R**

## SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1.1-14

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I

remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. 8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD*

## Gospel Luke 17.5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' 6 The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. 7 Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? 8 Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious gospel*

*Praise to Christ our Lord*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries, may we with our lives give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING - for Harvest Thanksgiving

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; 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](http://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—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**

### Monday 6 October—feria

Bishop Nick away with the Diocesan Clergy at Ayr

**7.30pm Aria Autumn Concert at St Johns**

### Tuesday 7 October—feria

Bishop Nick away with the Diocesan Clergy at Ayr

**Wednesday 8 October—comm—Alexander Penrose Forbes,**

Bishop, 1875

Bishop Nick away with the Diocesan Clergy at Ayr

**2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rector**

**7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rector**

### Thursday 9 October—feria

### Friday 10 October—feria

**Saturday 11 Oct—comm—Kenneth, Abbot, 600**

**1030-1130 St Johns Gardening hour**

## Next Sunday 12 Oct—Pentecost 18

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist —Rev Robert

Music at St Johns: 19-413—(LP 546)—297—494

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist —Rev Robert

Music at St Margarets: 19-413-74-214

7pm Spiritual Intelligence Session 3  
**continues on zoom link at the top of this sheet**

### Dates for the Diary coming up soon...

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 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.**



**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, Eileen Ross, Anna Gatherer **The Departed:** Matthew McDermot, Effie McGachie, Graham King **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](http://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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**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 our diocesan clergy as they are in Conference with Bishop Nick this week at Ayr**

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)