

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 11.1–10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Responsorial PSALM Psalm 72.1–7, 18–19

Response: In his time shall the righteous flourish,

1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; 2 That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. **R**

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **R**

18 Blessèd be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! 19 And blessèd be his glorious name for ever! and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 15.4–13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

4 Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another,

in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6 so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; 10 and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; 11 and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; 12 and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 3.1–12

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

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' 4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

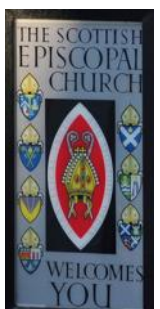
Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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 December ADVENT 2

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: Litany—527—(LP 546)—66-105

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: Litany—527—(LP 546)—582-105



Monday 8 December—festival—The Conception of Mary, Mother of the Lord

Tuesday 9 December—comm—Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 397 (transferred from 7 December)

Wednesday 10 December—feria

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rector

6pm St Ninian's, Pollokshields Reception of the Remains of +Gregor

7pm St Margarets no service

Thursday 11 December—feria

10am St Johns setting up the Christmas Tree Festival

1230pm St Ninian's, Pollokshields Funeral & Requiem Mass for +Gregor followed by Cremation

Friday 12 December—feria

11am-2pm St Johns Christmas Tree Festival open to the public

7pm St Margarets Ecumenical Carol Service

Saturday 13 December—feria

Next Sunday 14 December ADVENT 3

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: Litany—631—(LP 546)—759-405

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: Litany—851—(LP 546)—303-405

4pm Opening of the Christmas Tree Festival - Carols in the Trees - dress in a Christmas jumper or hat if you can!

TREES OF HOPE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FLOORS STREET, JOHNSTONE



FROM FRIDAY
12 DEC, 11AM - 2PM

OPENING EVENT:
SUNDAY 14 DEC, 4PM
CAROLS AMONG
THE TREES!



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
11AM TO 2PM
TUES 16 DEC, WED 17 DEC
& THURS 18 DEC
TUES 23 DEC, WED 24 DEC
& THURS 25 DEC (10-11AM)

THEN THE CLOSING EVENT AND
PRIZEGIVING AT 4PM ON SUN 28 DEC

Sponsor St Margarets Xmas lights at £5 a day give your details to 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, Gloria & Chris Nelson, Scott Taylor, George Wilmshurst, Judith Thorley, Josephine Lynch, Fred Thorley, Ellen Reilly, Sarah Anne and Robert Alcorn, Tosh Lynch, Anna Gatherer

The Departed: Gregor Duncan

The Elderly and Infirm unable to get to church: Isabel Reed, Kay Cherry & family, May Burton, Pauline Campbell, Nan Grimstead



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

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.

During Advent St Margarets will be raising money for **The Renfrewshire Womens Refuge** and at St Johns we shall be raising money for **St Vincent's Hospice**.

TEA AND TOAST

AT THE TREES OF HOPE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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**TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER
THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER
TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER
11AM - 2PM**

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL

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Sponsorship: we pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Gregor Duncan

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