



Newsletter of St John's Johnstone & St Margaret's Renfrew January 2021



during the **COVID-19 pandemic**
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Dear friends of St John's & St Margaret's,

We arrive at 2021 in a state of hopeful expectation that the coming months of the year will allow us to start mingling again as spring and summer approach. Never before have we known such strange and challenging times, and our need to feel connected is vital for our wellbeing: spiritually and mentally. I hope that you will feel able to come along to the various telephone and online happenings to feed your spirit as we embark on the New Year with a sense of hope and anticipation of new life and freedoms lying ahead of us all.



Rev Reuben Preston – Rector

CHRISTMAS & Epiphanytide 2021

With this issue:

1. OoFs for New Year & Epiphany
2. Prayer for Blessing your home at Epiphany



In our buildings



On the telephone


 **Church** 
with one another



alone or with others

Our Zoom & Telephone access in January Tel: 0131 460 1196
Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407 Passcode: 076546
 or use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83241840407?pwd=YnBqWkxEeW5NMIBuTDRmbDc0cFZhUT09>

January 2021 Diary

Rota in church, online & telephone Services & events

Sunday 3 January **The Naming of Jesus** (trans)

Readings are: Gal 4.4-7 Luke 2.15-21

0945am Eucharist at St John's – Reader: Agnes Intercessions: Gill

1130am Eucharist at St Margaret's – Reader: Pat Intercessions: John M

Wednesday 6 January – **The Epiphany**

2pm Telephone Service (20mins and 10mins chat)

7pm Zoom Communion Service (30mins and chat until 8pm)

Sunday 10 January **The Baptism of Jesus**

Readings are: Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11

0945am Eucharist at St John's – Reader: David F Intercessions: Kay

1130am Eucharist at St Margaret's – Reader: Alan Intercessions: Pat

Wednesday 13 January

2pm Telephone Service (20mins and 10mins chat)

7pm Zoom Communion Service (30mins and chat until 8pm)



Thursday 14 January

7pm Zoom & Telephone **The Epiphany Message**

with input on the theme of Epiphany and a chance to reflect on how we have observed the seasons so far

Sunday 17 January **Epiphany 2**

Readings are: Isa1 Corinthians 6.12-20 John 1.43-51

0945am Eucharist at St John's – Reader: Agnes Intercessions: Gill

1130am Eucharist at St Margaret's – Reader: Doreen Intercessions: Vanessa

Wednesday 20 January

2pm Telephone Service (20mins and 10mins chat)

7pm Zoom Communion Service (30mins and chat until 8pm)



Sunday 24 January **Conversion of Paul** trans

Readings are: Acts 26.9-23 Matthew 10.16-22

0945am Eucharist at St John's – Reader: David R Intercessions: Kay

1130am Eucharist at St Margaret's – Reader: Jane T Intercessions: John M

Wednesday 27 January

2pm Telephone Service (20mins and 10mins chat)

7pm Zoom Communion Service (30mins and chat until 8pm)

Thursday 28 January – A bit of fun to lighten the month

7pm-8pm or so an Online Cèilidh – dancing not required but a story, poem or take to share would be good – A Social to start the year.



Sunday 31 January **Candlemas Celebration** trans

Readings are: Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40

0945am Eucharist at St John's – Reader: Ann Intercessions: Lisa

1130am Eucharist at St Margaret's – Reader: Doreen Intercessions: Lisa

Daily Prayer continues online

Our YouTube channel is hosting our Live Streamed Offices of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

9am Morning Prayer & 5.30pm Evening Prayer - Monday to Friday

Telephone Church



The Telephone Church line is open from 1.45pm to give you plenty of time to connect and type in the details. **The Service**

starts at 2pm. The service will end at 2.30pm and the call terminated

for everyone.

It is an excellent way for house-bound folk to join in being church with us in their isolation if they don't have a computer to join in all our other offerings.



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Telephone Church 

You can join in the National SEC Services from

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

Come and celebrate the seasons at St Johns & St Margarets: at home, online & telephone and in our buildings during this pandemic period

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Congratulations to Lisa as she looks forward to becoming the Renfrewshire Regional Curate at Michaelmas 2021 and learn more about all the Charges of our Region.



Donations towards the extra costs in keeping connected during the Christmastide & Epiphanytide Seasons



If you would like to make a donation towards the printing, postage and preparation costs of our OoFs and Newletters please send you donation to the Rector at 29 Gleniffer Road, Renfrew PA4 0RD or send it electronically to www.paypal.me/reubenjamespreston and put OoF in the comments box

Observing our Faith - OoF†

The 5th & 6th OoFs are sent you with this newsletter on the themes of *New Year and Epiphany*. Please use the OoF at home and when you have done the activity send your contribution by *text, email, WhatsApp or by post* to Reuben and he will add it to our OoF webpages at www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk/oof/ and we will be able to share together how we are keeping our seasons in our homes.



Lisa would welcome your thoughts on using the OoFs so far and how you have joined in the reflection alone or in your household. Other Charges are interested in using them next year.

Lisa can be contacted at SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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your cheques are banked. If you would like to give directly please use these details. or you can give via PayPal at www.paypal.me/reubenjamespreston and put *St John's/Margaret's* in the message box.

Thank you for the Christmas Cards and good wishes sent to Reuben & Lisa – they were very much appreciated.