



Newsletter of St John's Johnstone & St Margaret's Renfrew May 2022

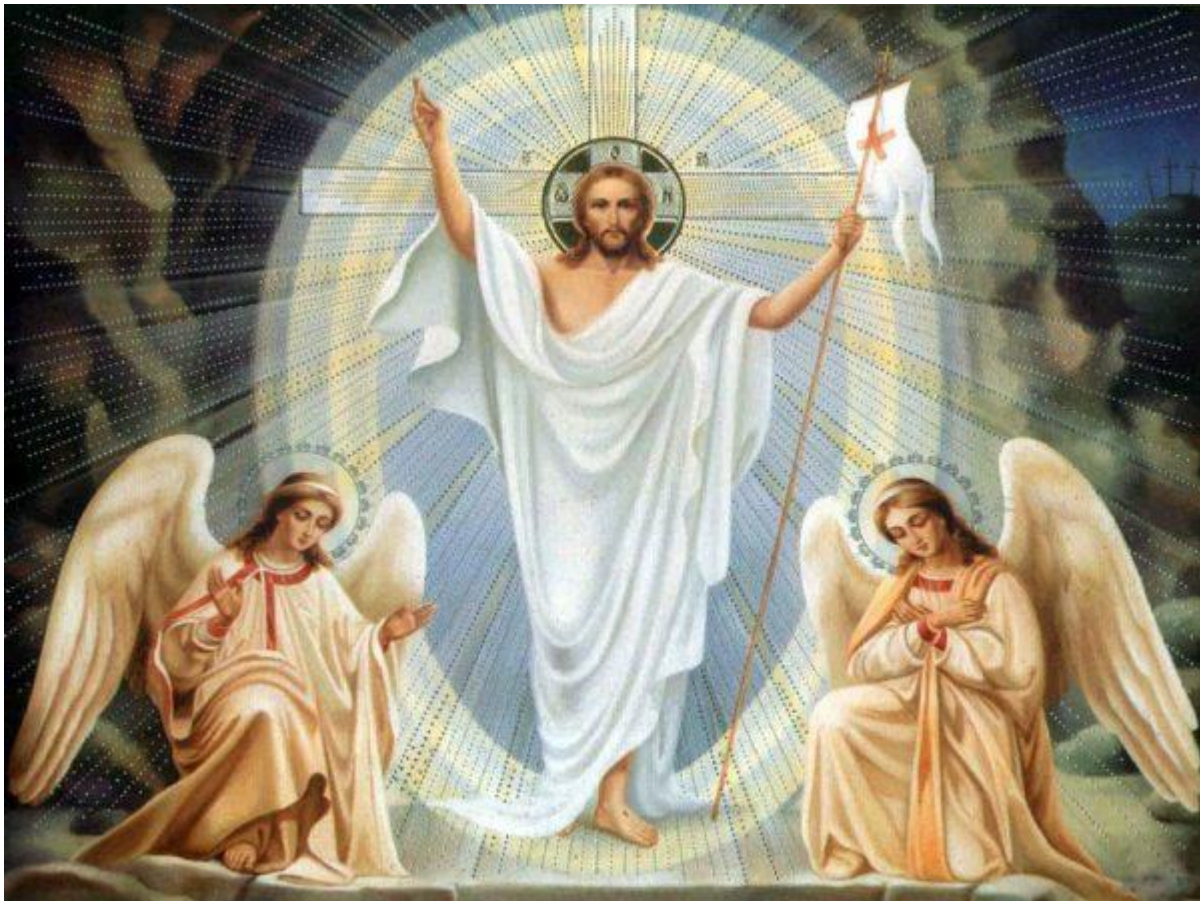


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Dear friends of St John's & St Margaret's,

And so, we have the final Newsletter in this form as we all emerge from the pandemic experience and begin to build up our Charges' lives again, and learn to pray and minister in this new reality.

As we continue Eastertide, the season of *50 days of unremitting joy*, we are reminded of the utter privilege we have of being able to walk freely in our streets and gather for worship in peace to share together the joy of the risen Lord.



As Scotland has started receiving refugees from Ukraine and we have made a valiant effort to support the Humanitarian Appeal of the Province – thank you for your generosity as you gave financially in church and online.

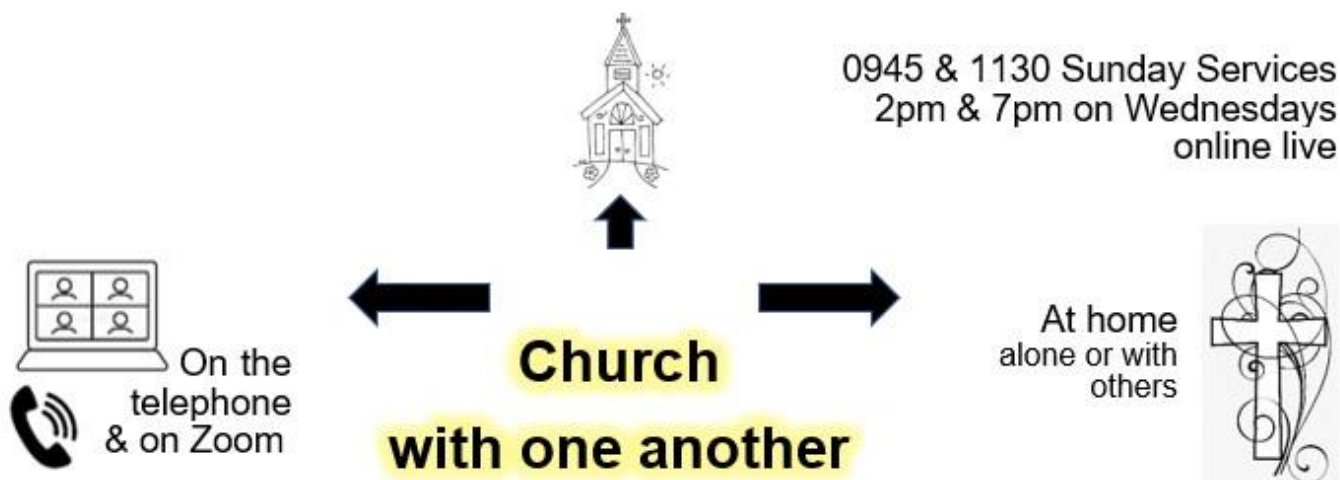
The days ahead of us are full of unknowns – the costs of fuel, the costs and availability of foods and raw materials – and that reminds us of the journey through the grief and mourning of the first disciples into renewed faith and focus on their journey to the Ascension where we are reminded that it is in our complete humanity we are drawn into the heavenly realms now.

Very Rev Reuben Preston – Rector

All our services in church remain online and Zoom as well on Wednesdays
& Telephone access remains

Tel: 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407 Passcode: 076546
or use this link

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



Up and coming Vestry meetings....

St Margarets Wednesday 11 June 745pm (in-person & zoom)

St Johns Friday 13 June 10am (in-person)

The vestries will be considering when it will be appropriate to start offering the chalice again at our worship. Please let vestry members know what your thoughts are. It is the responsibility of each Charge Vestry to make this decision.



St Johns Building Works are postponed until Pentecost



It was with much annoyance, frustration, irritation and sadness that I had to announce on Sunday 24 April that the works have had to be postponed to allow healing of the broken ankle of our Contractor to continue. We pray for his healing and the swift and satisfactory completion of the renovation works at St Johns.

The Service rotas for May 2022

you are invited to the physical, online & telephone Services

St Johns details in RED St Margarets in BLUE



| Date | Celebration | Readings |
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| Sunday 1 May 0945am St Johns & 1130am St Margarets <i>both services streamed</i> | Easter 3 (white) Reader: Ann , Gordon - Prayers: Reuben , usual | Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19 |
| Wednes 4 May 2pm St Johns 7pm St Margarets <i>both on zoom</i> | feria (white) | Acts 8:1b-8 Psalm 66:1-6 John 6:35-40 |
| Sunday 8 May 0945am St Johns & 1130am St Margarets <i>both services streamed</i> | Easter 4 (white) Reader: Dave , Pat - Prayers: Vanessa , usual | Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 |
| Wednes 11 May 2pm St Johns 7pm St Margarets <i>both on zoom</i> | feria (white) | Acts 12:24 - 13:5a Psalm 67 John 12:44-50 |
| Sunday 15 May 0945am St Johns & 1130am St Margarets <i>both services streamed</i> | Easter 5 (white) Reader: David R , David P - Prayers: Sue , usual | Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35 |
| Wednes 18 May 2pm St Johns 7pm St Margarets <i>both on zoom</i> | feria (white) | Acts 15:1-6 Psalm 122 John 15:1-8 |
| Sunday 22 May 0945am St Johns & 1130am St Margarets <i>both services streamed</i> | Easter 6 (white) Reader: David F , Sue - Prayers: John M , usual | Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9 |
| Wednes 25 May 2pm St Johns 7pm St Margarets <i>both on zoom</i> | Bede the Venerable, of Jarrow, Teacher of the Faith, 735 (Rogation Day) commemoration (white) | Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:8 Psalm 148 John 16:12-20 |
| Thursday 26 May 7pm St Bartholomew's Gourock tbc | Ascension Day (white) | Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53 |
| Sunday 29 May 0945am St Johns & 1130am St Margarets <i>both services streamed</i> | Easter 7 (white) Reader: Agnes , Alan - Prayers: Pat , usual | Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9 |



Daily Prayer

9am to 920am Monday to Friday on zoom.

re shared on the screen and we go to our day at the end of the service.



You can join in the National Scottish Episcopal Church Services at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

YouTube choices for Easter and Ascension



It is good to hear the feedback from those who explored the last set of video suggestions. Here is the final set for this newsletter. Some are very short – a few mins – and others are long – over 3 hours! The links are live in the online version of the Newsletter on the website.

1. An Easter Organ Recital from Salisbury Cathedral // John Challenger
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi3r9HT1dHg>
2. The Easter Story for kids https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_E-3BqqeiU
3. This joyful Eastertide (hymn)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxGwrNGyyWg>
4. What is the meaning and importance of the ascension of Jesus Christ?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U8-6BjpOwiU>
5. 3 HOURS Spiritual Ascension Music | Singing with Angels
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EukxHmAAyt4>
6. Ascension Bells <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVkOaVTSUbk>
7. I'm A Pentecostal Medley | Live | Christian Life Center
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdFiig5wuog>
8. Now THIS is how you play a tambourine!!!!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jcd63Ev7JXA>
9. The Fabulous Cake Rack Gong and Pentecost!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mPTABWq40o>
10. COLORFUL ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS | DIY Rainbow At Home
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCxGQHRSD8A>



Scottish Episcopal Church at Prayer and in Action

Faith In Action Network

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/faith-in-action/>

In May we pray on the theme of ***Aid Agencies***

The Prayer leaflet for May is here

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/05-may.pdf>

You may wish to try the following:

- Pray for the work of Aid Agencies locally, nationally and internationally.
- Donate to Christian Aid as it is heavily dependent on the fundraising of Christian individuals and congregations. And, if you are a UK taxpayer remember to Gift Aid your donation so that the tax can be refunded.
- Participate in Christian Aid Week each May.
- Get involved with one of Christian Aid's national fundraising events.
- Make your will a will to live by setting up a legacy with Christian Aid or another Aid Agency.
- Look for a new internet server run by an Aid Agency
- Receive regular updates about Christian Aid's work world-wide, apply for a subscription to their quarterly magazine Christian Aid News.
- Use your gifts and skills for the benefit of an Aid Agency by applying for a variety of volunteering posts, e.g becoming a Christian Aid Teacher to promote the work of Christian Aid in schools and colleges.
- Change to AquaAid Water Coolers who give a large cut of their profits to helping Christian Aid; if your Church or business has water coolers enquire about the possibility of changing to AquaAid.
- Volunteer with an Aid Agency such as the International Voluntary Service or the United Mission to Nepal.
- Sponsor a child.



Getting back to a 'new normal'

As the various pandemic restrictions are being relaxed and we are able to mingle and mix with more freedom, so too the usual aspects of church life are returning.

Return of the Chalice – let your vestry members know what you are feeling

The national guidance for Clergy and Vestries now say that decisions to return to offering the chalice at communion are to be made locally. Over the coming weeks our vestries will be making these decisions. As we do this we remember that communion in one-kind (bread) is equally valid as communion in both kinds (bread and wine). Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is expressly discouraged – dirty fingernails, fingers that have touched all-sorts, or unwashed fingers or sanitizer ridden fingers all contaminate the chalice for those who follow. In reality, the vestries are making a decision in May at their Vestry meetings.

Renfrew Gala Day Sunday 5 June 2022

This year the Gala Day is going ahead and St Margarets will have its two stalls – the Tombola & Bottle Stall and Coconut Shy

CALL FOR BOTTLES & Prizes – please can you give bottles towards the stall. Anything in a bottle/can would be welcome. Please bring your contributions and leave them at the back of St Margarets.



“THY KINGDOM COME”



Thursday 13 May to Sunday 23 May - Ascension Day to Pentecost has for many years now been known as the “Thy Kingdom Come” project calling us to pray for ourselves, our communities and the world, that more people may come to discover faith in Jesus Christ. This initiative, originally started in the Church of England, is now a world wide movement incorporating 173

countries and churches of all denominations.

If you take a look at the website <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> you can see the vast array of videos and prayer resources that are freely offered to us to help us engage in this wave of 10 days of prayer.

Our Regional Council and Vestries will be looking at how to use these resources as we seek to pray for the growth of God’s Kingdom in our midst.

As we plan for entering the Church Triumphant in heaven spare a thought for the church on earth.



What can I do for the Kingdom of God? St Margarets & St Johns for the Future

– if you have left a bequest in your Will to St Johns or St Margarets, *Thank you very much*. If you are thinking about doing so, please do, as we plan for the next chapters of St John's and St Margaret's ministry in and around Renfrew and Johnstone. If

you would like to have a private conversation about it with the Rector please just call him on 07971 895897.

Also a very helpful page on the Province's website is at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/vestry-resources/stewardship-gift-aid-and-legacies/leaving-a-legacy-in-your-will-to-the-church/>

Thank you for your continued giving to our Churches

For Online & Telephone banking use these details for your giving:-

to St Johns the Evangelist Episcopal Church:

Bank of Scotland Sort Code: 80-16-53 Acct No. 00356544

to St Margarets Episcopal Church:

Royal Bank of Scotland Sort Code: 83-26-22 Acct No. 00196266

Or send your giving for St John's or St Margaret's to the Rector at his home 29 Gleniffer Road, Renfrew PA4 0RD and Reuben will ensure your cheques/cash are banked. If you would like to give directly please use these details above or you can give via PayPal at www.paypal.me/reubenjamespreston and put *St John's/Margaret's* in the message box.

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The Renfrewshire Regional Curate – the Rev Dr Lisa Curtice, 2/2 40 Queensborough Gardens, Glasgow G12 9QS

Lisa is on placement at Paisley until Corpus Christi. She is always at Morning Prayer on zoom.

This Newsletter last edition of this available on our website to follow the livelinks throughout – please pass it on, or send it to friends for them to read and pray for us as well!

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Thank you to everyone who helped to clean, prepare and decorate our church buildings for Easter – you did a great job.

**Alleluia, Christ is Risen.
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Moving onwards to save the planet.....

10 Points of Guidance Tool Kit

The promised Tool Kit for us all to use in thinking about the *10 Points of Guidance* on Climate Crisis has now been published and is available at

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/towards-net-zero-2030-toolkit-checklist-and-energy-footprint-analyser-published/>

Our Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway Climate Crisis Network events are to be found at <https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/a-series-of-climate-crisis-environmental-justice-talks-launches-in-the-diocese/>

The next gathering is on Thursday 12 May 2022, 7.30pm-9pm on Zoom – Prof Ian M. Arbon CEng, CEnv – **How we got to the climate crisis, reflecting on the path ahead**, followed by Q&A



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