



# Newsletter of St John's Johnstone & St Margaret's Renfrew **October 2020**



**during the COVID-19 pandemic**

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

As I write this as new guidance being issued in the coming hours on further necessary restrictions across the countries of Britain. So I have decided to make this a single October edition – because life well may change for us.

In the churches thank you to those who have helped to volunteer and keep the Trace & Protect system details recorded in our buildings as well as those who have been vigilant at booking a seat at Renfrew – numbers are not critical so we are relaxing bookings in October and see how we get on – turn up from 1115am at Renfrew for a seat.

It has been good and odd to be back at church since the start of August and we lament the loss of singing for the time being but it is good to be together at the altar week by week as well as gather online at our Zoom Wednesday evening services. This is a great way of keeping connected to folk who cannot come to the Sunday services at this time and is an important facet of our ministry to each other.

Church is a place of gathering and praying and the daily Morning and Evening Prayers will continue throughout the coming months shared in leadership by Lisa and myself.

As we all get used to the strange new way our services in all the churches have to be for the time being please do come and support them if you feel able to. It is good to see you at a time when we cannot meet socially.

We pray for all our researchers and leaders during this trying, frustrating and concerning time. May the light of Christ lead us all into renewed faith & hope.

*Rev Reuben Preston – Rector*



### **Lisa our Ordinand writes**

in this coming SEC season of ordinations

It is just a year ago that Katrina O'Neil, Kathryn Sanderson and Don Grant, having journeyed together through training, celebrated their ordinations at Inverness Cathedral. Kathryn describes it as the most memorable day of her life and Katrina speaks of her overwhelming feelings as Bishop Mark laid hands on her. Michaelmas is the season for ordinations in the Scottish Episcopal Church and this September and October there will be 11 ordinations, including Don's, who, having been made a deacon last year, this October will be ordained priest. Katrina and Kathryn have both been called to the permanent diaconate, an authorised ministry recognised by the SEC to

proclaim the good news, serve others "and encourage Christians to bring the love of God to their communities in mission". As St Paul writes, there are a variety of gifts and therefore of vocations. But the Church is very clear that all of us are called, through our baptism, to "proclaim the good news, serve Christ in all people and to work for justice and peace, as well as to continue our faithful ministry of Christian worship." How, I wonder, has God called you to minister and serve as a unique expression of your Christian baptism?



During the coming months Lisa will be phoning around to say hello to folk on our Church lists. She is just trying to make contact with people who are part of St Johns and St Margarets life as she learns more about being a minister in the SEC. Please do feel free to tell her about you experiences of being part of our Charge's lives over the years gone by.

Lisa can be contacted at [SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](mailto:SEIstudent@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)

## 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 each week.

How to join in... **follow the link on**

[www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](http://www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk) You can find the words of the service at

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

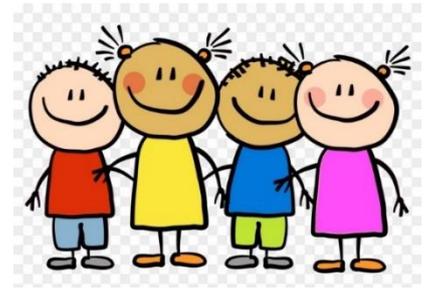


**To Join in: please say the words in BOLD and the Gloria and the Even numbered verses of the Psalms and Canticles** The service lasts about 20mins depending upon the day – we use the Weekly Intercessions leaflet and Pewsheet prayers

**Prayer Requests:-** At the Daily Offices the prayer requests sent in are held before God during the intercessions section of the Office. Please send your prayer requests by email [Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](mailto:Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk) or by text 07971 895897 or voicemail, or post them to 29 Gleniffer Road, Renfrew PA4 ORD

# Bringing Children to St Margaret's

Children are welcome at church. If you come along please sit with an adult you live with if you want to, or sit on your own like everyone else. After discussion with the parents of youngsters from the Sunday School group we are going to look each month at the Government guidance and SEC Guidance to work out when we can start meeting again in the hall. This will not be in October – everyone needs to feel safe, confident and happy at Church. Children feel free to bring an adult along to church but I am sorry there is no singing, although some of the recorded music we have had at the end has been good for dancing out of church to!



To support the life and ministry of our churches you can send your donations using online banking or telephone banking using these details

For a Reference give your name

St Johns Scottish Episcopal Church  
Bank of Scotland  
Sort code 80-16-53  
Account Number 00356544

St Margarets Episcopal Church  
Royal Bank of Scotland  
Sort Code 83-26-22  
Account Number 00196266

## Remember the needs of the Church and the world in your Giving

Please continue to send your giving to St John's or St Margaret's to the Rector Rev'd Reuben Preston, 29 Gleniffer Road, Renfrew PA4 0RD and Reuben will ensure 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](http://www.paypal.me/reubenjamespreston) and put *St John's/Margaret's* in the message box.

# October Diary

## for St Johns & St Margarets

Rota in church, online Services & online socials



## Sunday 4 October **Pentecost 18** – streamed on our YouTube channel

Readings are: *Philippians 3.4b-14* *Matthew 21.33-46*

**0945am Eucharist at St John's** – doors open at 0930am

Reader: David F Intercessions: Kay

**1130am Eucharist at St Margaret's** – doors open at 1115am

Reader: John M Intercessions: Pat

## Wednesday 7 October 7pm Zoom Communion Service

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82144535581?pwd=U0hDRGQ3V2JCC21QOFIwK1JtVGRKZz09>

Or Telephone in on 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 821 4453 5581 Passcode: 465033



## **Sunday 11 October Pentecost 19** – streamed on YouTube channel

Readings are: *Philippians 4.1-9* *Matthew 22.1-14*

**0945am Eucharist at St John's** – doors open at 0930am

Reader: Agnes Intercessions: Gill

**1130am Eucharist at St Margaret's** – doors open at 1115am

Reader: Doreen Intercessions: Vanessa

## **Wednesday 14 October 7pm Zoom Communion Service**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82144535581?pwd=U0hDRGQ3V2JCC21QOFIwK1JtVGRKZz09>

Or Telephone in on 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 821 4453 5581 Passcode: 465033



## **Thursday 15 October 7pm on Zoom**

***"But what do we do about Christmas.....?"***

7pm-8pm a chance to have a blether about ideas for how we might celebrate Christmas together, but apart, in this odd year. Some ideas will be shared about what we might do, as well as the chance to add your ideas to the pot.....



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89922241031?pwd=U2ZXVVR1OGdna2Yra2N0NDhoM1AxQT09>

Or Telephone in on 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 899 2224 1031 Passcode: 615280

## **Sunday 18 October Pentecost 20** – streamed on YouTube channel

Readings are: *1 Thessalonians 1.1-10* *Matthew 22.15-22*

**0945am Eucharist at St John's** – doors open at 0930am

Reader: David R Intercessions: Kayl

**1130am Eucharist at St Margaret's** – doors open at 1115am

Reader: Jane T Intercessions: Lisa

## **Wednesday 21 October 7pm Zoom Communion Service**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82144535581?pwd=U0hDRGQ3V2JCC21QOFIwK1JtVGRKZz09>

Or Telephone in on 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 821 4453 5581 Passcode: 465033



## **Saturday 24 October – Zoom Coffee Morning**

11am-1145am a chance to say hello and see people we haven't seen for a while – bring your own coffee and biscuits!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89319575216?pwd=Q213UXFveUx5N1JQNGdsOHlwMkZhQT09>

Or Telephone in on 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 893 1957 5216

Passcode: 087611



# **Sunday 25 October Pentecost 21** – streamed on YouTube channel

Readings are: 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46

**0945am Eucharist at St John's** – doors open at 0930am

Reader: Ann Intercessions: Gill

**1130am Eucharist at St Margaret's** – doors open at 1115am

Reader: Alan Intercessions: John M

## **Wednesday 28 October 7pm Zoom Communion Service**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82144535581?pwd=U0hDRGQ3V2JCC21QOFIwK1JtVGRKZz09>

Or Telephone in on 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 821 4453 5581 Passcode: 465033



Available online 12noon Saturday : the **Pewsheet for the week**,  
the **Intercessions Sheet for the week** &  
the **Reflection for the Sunday Gospel**

**You can join in the National SEC Services from**

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



to our **Pastoral Assistants** Wilma & John as they have kept in touch with us all by phone. Thank you to them for their dedication and hard work keeping us connected.

**And** Thankyou to John Mitchell for his help to folk who have been learning to use their computers and tablets to connect online. Your time is valuable John and your help has been appreciated.

## **Funerals and Weddings and Baptisms**

In our church buildings Weddings and Funerals can resume on Wednesdays or Thursdays with limited capacity, no singing and social distancing rules. Enquiries should be made to the Rector and will be treated on a case by case basis depending upon any local lockdown or precautions being brought into effect.

**Contact:** Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

**Mob:** 07971 895897

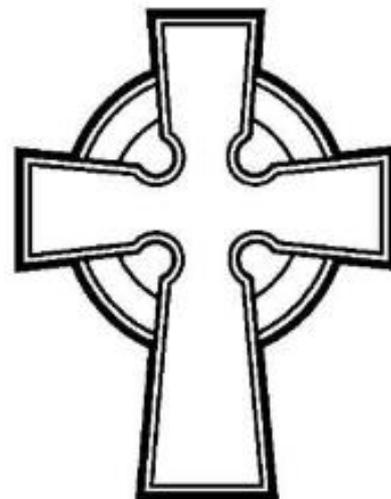
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**St Johns on Wednesdays:** After some careful consideration we shall not be restarting the 2pm Wednesday service at St Johns yet. We shall reconsider for November as things progress.

## Remember in your prayers the SEC Ordinations coming up....

**Deacons:** Rebekah Cansdale, Joshua Cockayne,  
Russell Duncan & David Todd

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in the Church: look with mercy on your servants now called to be deacons; maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness, that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**Priests:** Michael Blake, Roxanne Campbell, Donald Grant,  
Jennifer Holden, Annie Hughes, Harriet Johnston & Peter Woodfield

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in the Church: look with mercy on your servants now called to be priests; maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness, that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Coming soon....*

**Sunday 1 November – All Saints Day**

**0945am Eucharist at St John's**

**1130am Eucharist at St Margaret's**

**& 6pm Party Zoom**

**A Party to celebrate Reuben's 2 year Anniversary here in the Charges**

**& Monday 2 November**

**All Souls Day**

**7pm Zoom Evening Service  
of words and memories**

as we remember those who have  
died and gone before us

