

October 2021

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

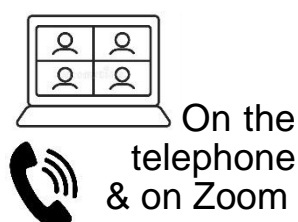
At the start of October a short newsletter to just point you all in the direction of what is happening in the two charges this month.

I would also ask you to pray for the Bishop's Pilgrimage with the clergy on 18-21 October as he travels and prays his way around some of the Galloway Region and gets to know more of the life of the diocese.

The Climate Crisis project is up and running on the website so do send in your contributions as you address the "10 Points of Guidance" sent to us by the General Synod in June.

Very Rev Reuben Preston – Rector

0945 & 1130 Sunday Services
2pm & 7pm on Wednesdays
online live



On the
telephone
& on Zoom

← **Church** →
with one another

At home
alone or with
others



For October our Zoom & 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>

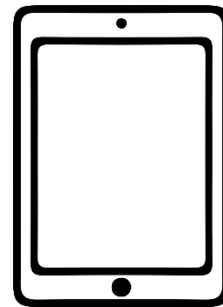
Harvest thanks –

Olive's Bottle Raffle raised £400 split equally and sent to The Samaritans, Prostate Cancer Care and St Vincents Hospice

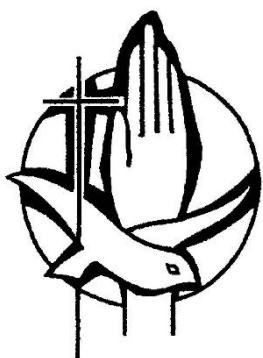
Tearfund received £100 from the Frugal Harvest lunch at St Margarets

St Johns Connecting Scotland

iPad Users Group



On **Wednesday 6 October 3pm** we continue the monthly **iPad users Group** in church. Bring along your iPad and MiFi box. At each gathering we shall explore one new skill, to use our iPads better. Plenty of plug sockets will be available for you to plug your iPads in to keep powered up. Other tablet users may attend as well and we shall explore the monthly skill for you too.



NEW for October - 8pm on Friday's in October

– **COMPLINE on the telephone.** At the end of a stressful week just dial into our new COMPLINE on the telephone for a 15min pray to start your weekend. No chit chat just an opportunity to lay your week before the Lord and relax into the weekend refreshed and liberated. *"The Lord Almighty grant us a quite night and a perfect end."* – pick up the small order of service next week to take home and keep to hand.

Starting on Friday 8 October to see how we get on

Connected Christians! Interesting things to explore more

As this series continues... here are October's top 10 suggestions, some to help you pray, some to relax to and one to cause you some degree of intrigue!

1. **Sleep in Peace - Guided Christian Meditation** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_3lrrXdUc
2. **The Secret of Loving God! - Charles Spurgeon Sermons**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIB3MHd2EWO>
3. **Better than ice cream! Dessert in one minute** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gu44tlu2-a0>
4. **Holy Trinity & St Barnabas Scottish Episcopal Church, Paisley–**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqWSmqjRmlA>
5. **Brad Pitt Shares Faith Journey Away From Atheism: 'I Cling to Religion'**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6MWpUznZb1A>
6. **What is All Saints Day?** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNY2uBqsmwY>
7. **The Book of Ruth - Full Movie** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXFdNhRy9jA>
8. **Let Go and Trust God** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3O22mqcnPI>
9. **"Pipe Dream" - Animusic.com** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hyClpKAlFyo>
10. **Personality Test: What Do You See First and What It Reveals About You**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJkGRt0BZPQ>

Do continue to send in your suggestions to share with everyone else ready for the next edition of the Newsletter

Worship Services in the Charges

Wednesday 2pm Holy Communion at St Johns and on the telephone/zoom 1982 SEC Eucharist service with Taize music to set the ambience and help us to pray - followed by refreshments and a chance to have a chat. Tel 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407 Passcode: 076546

7pm Holy Communion at St Margarets & on Zoom 1982 SEC Eucharist service with recorded music. You can join in this service on the telephone or on zoom using the details on page 1.



On Sundays both services streamed live to our YouTube Channel

<http://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret> & no restrictions on numbers in church anymore.

0945 am Sung Eucharist St Johns with hymns & followed by refreshments served at the tables in Martha's café

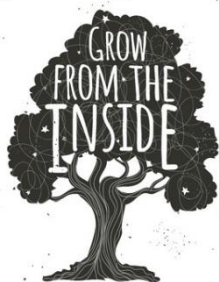
1130am Sung Eucharist St Margarets with hymn & followed by refreshments

In our Church Buildings: - Funerals and Weddings and Baptisms can take place in our church buildings with *unlimited numbers* – please contact the Rector as necessary. The Rector is allowed to conduct Funerals at the Crematoriums and Cemeteries.

The downloads are proving popular and people have sent in notes of thanks for the weekly reflections and Intercessions. *Do send in items to add to the weekly Intercessions*

The weekly Pewsheets, The Weekly Intercessions sheet The weekly Gospel Reflection

A complete back-catalogue is on the website at www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk



Being Church is something
you can never do by yourself

You cannot be a Christian without belonging to a church

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

Continues....

Saturday 9 October 10am start 1130am finish

Saturday 13 November 10am start 1130am finish

If you missed September's you can come to October's and join in – each session is free standing so you can come along without fear of not knowing what to do!

The Service rotas for October 2021

you are invited to the physical, online & telephone Services
St Johns details in **BOLD** St Margarets in *ITALICS*

Date	Celebration	Readings
Sunday 3 October 0945am St Johns & 1130am St Margarets <i>both services streamed</i>	Pentecost 19 (green) Reader: Ann, Jane T - Prayers: <i>John M, usual</i>	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
Wednes 6 October 2pm St Johns & Telephone 7pm St Margarets & Zoom	feria (green)	Jonah 4:1-11 Psalm 86:1-10 Luke 11:1-4
Friday 8 October	8pm Compline on the phone	
Sunday 10 October 0945am St Johns & 1130am St Margarets <i>both services streamed</i>	Pentecost 20 (green) Readr: David F, Gordon - Prays: <i>Vanessa, usual</i>	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
Wednes 13 October 2pm St Johns & on the Telephone 7pm St Margarets and on zoom	feria (green)	Romans 2:1-11 Psalm 62:1-9 Luke 11:42-46
Friday 15 October	8pm Compline on the phone	
Sunday 17 October 0945am St Johns & 1130am St Margarets <i>No streaming today</i>	Pentecost 21 (green) Reader: David R, David P - Prayers: <i>Sue, usual</i>	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
Wednes 20 October No midweek service on this pilgrimage week	Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, c.115 no midweeks service on this Bishop's Clergy pilgrimage week	
Friday 22 October	8pm Compline on the phone	
Sunday 24 October 0945am St Johns & 1130am St Margarets <i>both services streamed</i>	Pentecost 22 (green) Reader: Agnes, Tosh - Prayers: <i>Jane T, usual</i>	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52
Wednes 27 October 2pm St Johns & on the Telephone 7pm St Margarets and on zoom	feria	Romans 8:26-30 Psalm 13 Luke 13:22-30
Friday 29 October	8pm Compline on the phone	
Sunday 31 October 0945am St Johns & 1130am St Margarets <i>both services streamed</i>	All Saints Celebration (white/gold) Reader: Ann, Sue - Prayers: <i>John M, Dave</i>	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 Psalm 24:1-6 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44

Daily Prayer – will be on Monday to Friday at 9am on our zoom link starting Monday 4 October for 20mins with clergy and members of the Regional Charges.

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

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.

Contact: Rector@SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

Tel: 07971 895897

The Rector – the Very Rev Reuben James Preston, 29 Gleniffer Road, Renfrew PA4 0RD

Scottish Episcopal Church at Prayer and in Action

Faith In Action Network

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

In October we pray on the theme of ***The Environment***

You may wish to try the following:

- Pray for the good stewardship of the world and all its riches.
- Undertake an energy audit using the Eco-Congregation Carbon Footprint Calculator from www.ecocongregationscotland.org.uk
- Draw something from the natural world: a leaf, a feather, a pine-cone, a range of mountains. Draw it from life, not a photograph: look at it very carefully and draw it as well as you can. Use it as a prayer of adoration, confession, and supplication, without words.
- Eat mindfully, aware of the work of earth, rain, sun, wind and human endeavour which has brought the food to your table.
- Walk, cycle or use public transport rather than use your car (where possible and practical) to give something back to Creation. For many of us, the car is a necessity but not only is it the biggest killer of teenagers in the UK, it has decimated German and Scandinavian forests through acid rain, it makes our cities unhealthy and noisy, and is one of the biggest contributors to climate change. Car travel is a costly luxury, and every time we choose to walk, cycle or take the bus instead, we have helped reduce our carbon footprint.
- Bank ethically. Do you know what your money is doing? Are your savings or pension funds paying for arms, oppression, or environmental destruction? Banks are keen to publicise their good investment returns, but they know that most people will not ask how the interest is earned. Various ethical investment policies are available: a good starting point is the Co-operative Bank, all of whose investments conform to ethical criteria. You could provide information and help at your church to make it easy for others to put their money where their faith is.

- Use your LOAF when you buy food : try to ensure it's Locally produced, Organically farmed, Animal friendly, Fairly traded. Your shopping bills may increase, and you may find it harder to eat any product at any time of year, but you will probably be eating better quality food, and your money will be doing more good than if you'd given it to charity.
- Enjoy the harvest- celebrate it.

Litany for Creation

For our cars which kill trees and make children ill: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our packaged meat hiding lives of suffering: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our wheat which has eroded topsoil: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our vegetables which have polluted rivers with agri-chemicals: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our light and warmth which cause floods and droughts: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our fast-food which turned rainforest into cattle ranches: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our money gaining high interest by exploiting the earth: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our children who have never seen the Milky Way: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our cheap disposable products that squander the earth's riches: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the food we eat without asking where it came from: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the clothes we wear without asking who made them: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the possessions we replaced but could have mended: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the budget flights when we didn't count the cost: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the statistics in which money is the only measure of wealth: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

AMEN

10 Points of Guidance

1. Seeking to reduce energy use in all our buildings and moving from oil/gas to electricity where possible
2. Implementing renewable energy solutions such as heat pumps and solar power on our property
3. Using lesspolluting forms of transport, moving to electric or hybrid cars, car sharing, wherever possible walking or cycling
4. Developing wildlife conservation schemes in our land
5. Using Fair Trade, environment-and animal-friendly products wherever possible
6. Reducing waste by composting and recycling as much of it as possible
7. Reducing paper usage (and then only using recycled paper)
8. Using online meetings often, but balanced with our need for human contact and Christian fellowship
9. Disseminating information on good practice, and seeking expert advice, practical help, and funding possibilities
10. Promoting sustainability through our preaching, liturgy and teaching, and setting a good example

We recognise that not all of these apply to every congregation and that some will depend on the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, but we can begin to plan now."

join in on our website at

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to follow the live links throughout – please pass it on, or send it to friends for them to read and pray for us as well!