

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 15.34 – 16.13

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

34 Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. 35 Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. 1 The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' 2 Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' 4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' 5 He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD.' 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' 11 Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 20

Response: We will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, the name of the God of Jacob defend you; 2 Send you help from his holy place and strengthen you out of Zion; **R** 3 Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice; 4 Grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans. **R** 5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God; may the Lord grant all your requests. 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.6–10, 14–17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, 6 we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For all of us must appear before the

judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. 14 The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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GOSPEL Mark 4.26–34

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

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. 26 Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' 30 Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

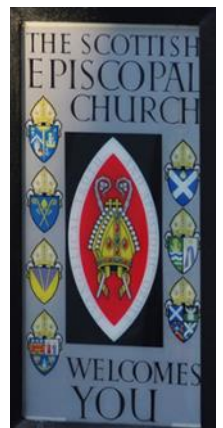
Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The notices for the week are on the reverse of this sheet—take this pewsheet home to pass on to neighbours and friends.

This sheet is also on our website—let others know how to find it to follow week by week.





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

Facebook: [@stmargaretsrenfrew.org.uk](https://www.facebook.com/stmargaretsrenfrew.org.uk) [@StJohnsJohnstone2023](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsJohnstone2023)

Zoom/Telephone is Tel:01314601196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407

Passcode: 076546 or use the link on the newsletter or website



Worship today— 16 June **Pentecost 4**

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Curate & Rector

Music at St Johns: 19—45—(LP 546)—144—636

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 19—45—368—449

Monday 17 June--feria

Tuesday 18 June--comm- Bernard Mizeki, Martyr, 1896

630pm St Johns Fundraising Committee in St Johns Room

Wednesday 19 June--feria

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist—Rector

followed by 150th Story sharing experience in the Prayer Chapel led by Lisa

St Margarets 7pm Said Eucharist—Rector

Thursday 20 June--comm—Fillan, Abbot, c.750

700pm Reception by Rev Professor Roger Sturrock at Wellington Church Of Scotland, 77 Southpark Avenue, Glasgow, G12 8LE

Friday 21 June--feria

Saturday 22 June--comm- Alban, Martyr, c.303

Next Sunday 23 June Pentecost 5

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector & Curate

Music at St Johns: 221—343—(LP 546)—66—448

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 221—343—66—736

Followed by Extra-ordinary Vestry meeting with one item of business—"managing our finances a step ahead"

Volunteer Roles

Growing our reach on Facebook at St Margarets—if you or anyone you know would like to help the Vestry at St Margarets use our Facebook page better to reach more people and engage more in our life and mission please let the Rector know.

Bishop Kevin's Farewell Service 11am Sat 29 June at the Cathedral—come along if you can & **Collection for Bishop Kevin** to say thank you and goodbye as he retires—put any donations in the labelled baskets today or next week.

Lisa will be leaving the role of Regional Curate on Sunday 21 July—

we will have a good by afternoon service and tea at St Johns. This will be an informal opportunity to say good bye and good luck as she moves to take up the post of Priest in Charge in the Heartland Charge.



Intercessions The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: David Fowles, Liz Fairns, Pauline Campbell, Audrey Callaghan, Adam Semple, May Burton, Adrian Bull, Isabel Cummings, Moira Bruce, Neil Barclay, Veronica Whitelock, Jeanette Farquhar, Emily Parker, Sam Aaron, Andrew Mitchell, Raymond Bruce, Olly Mitchell, Joe Smith, Nan Grimstead, Eric Parker, Geraldine Revie, Brenda Sproule, Kay Cherrie, Ruby Robertson, Anna Gatherer, Craig Cameron, Isobel Reed, Debbie Davidson, David Vince, Andy Doig, David & Trixie Preston
The Departed: Catherine Thornton
Cycle of Prayers in the Weekly Intercession leaflet online



Weekly downloads the PEWSHEET, the INTERCESSION SHEET, the GOSPEL REFLECTION from

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

The Daily Offices can be followed on the provincial website at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

Morning Prayer this week 9am for 20mins

Pastoral Assistants Support every week: please call Wilma 07714 525726, Rev Lisa Curtice 07802 888423 or Rev Robert Chambers 07968 279351

Gardening Hour at St Johns Sat 13 July, Sat 10 August, Sat 14 September, Sat 12 Oct & Sat 9 November

St John's 150th Anniversary Project
APPEAL CALL for documents, photographs etc for anniversary project. Please bring them into St Johns for Lisa to photograph. **150 years**



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To ask about arrangements for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms/Christenings, Confessions, House Blessings etc. please contact the Rector

Sponsorship: we pray for Bishop Kevin as he prepares to retire and relinquish office over the summer

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