

Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 11.1–15

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. 2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. 3 David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' 4 So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' 6 So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. 8 Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. 9 But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 10 When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house,' David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' 11 Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' 12 Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, 13 David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. 14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

For the word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 14

Response: Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers

1 The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good. 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God. **R** 3 Everyone has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one. 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord? **R** 5 See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous. 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge. 7 O that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 3.14–21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

14 I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height

and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL John 6.1–21

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

1 Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 9 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' 10 Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' 15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. 16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, 17 got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. 20 But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' 21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. 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 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

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



Worship today— 28 July Pentecost 10

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Johns: 450—82—(LP 546)—819—606

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rector

Music at St Margarets: 450—82—819—525

Monday 29 July--comm- Martha and Mary of Bethany

Tuesday 30 July--comm-Silas, Companion of Saint Paul

630pm St John's Vestry meeting in St Johns Room

Wednesday 31 July--comm- Ignatius Loyola, Priest and Religious, 1556

St Johns 2pm Said Eucharist—Rector

St Margarets 7pm Said Eucharist—Rector

745pm St Margaret's Vestry meeting in the Hall

Thursday 1 August-feria

12noon Lisa's Licensing as Priest-in-Charge of The Heartland Charge at St Mary the Virgin Port Glasgow, Bardrainney Ave, Port Glasgow PA14 6HB

Friday 2 August-feria

Saturday 3 August-feria

Next Sunday 4 August Pentecost 11

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert Chambers

Music at St Johns: 565—272—(LP 546)—70—606

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—Rev Robert

Music at St Margarets: 565—272—70—606

Lisa's Licensing as Priest-in-Charge of Heartland Charge is at 12noon on Thursday 1 August and the service is hosted at St Mary's Port Glasgow. All are welcome and there will be refreshments and lunch afterwards.



BACK-PACK Sunday 11 August

1130am St Margarets Renfrew

An opportunity to mark the start of the new academic year as we pray for students, pupils, teacher, school support staff and students beginning university here in Scotland. After the service we shall be talking together about writing our St Margarets Mission Statement—look at the displays in the hall to see what the Vestry have done already.



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

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, 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, Scott Taylor, George Wilmshurst, Joyce Moony
The Departed: none



Weekly downloads the PEWSHEET, the INTERCESSION SHEET, the GOSPEL REFLECTION from www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk Morning Prayer on zoom has ended

Pastoral Assistants Support every week:
please call Wilma 07714 525726 or
Rev Robert Chambers 07968 279351

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

Important dates coming soon:-

Back-Pack Sunday—11 August at St Margarets

Quiz Night —Friday 27 September at St Margarets

Vestry meetings coming up:-

St Johns:- Tues 30 July, Tues 17 September
October tbc as necessary for the accounts
November AGM Sunday 10 November "Looking Ahead in hope"

St Margarets:- Wed 31 July, 18 September
October tbc as necessary for the accounts
November AGM Sunday 3 November "Looking Ahead in hope"

Regional Council dates:- AGM meeting Wed 9 October 7pm host tbc

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