

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 2.1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 3 Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

For the word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Responsorial PSALM Psalm 122

Response: I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to God's house'.

1 I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' 2 Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. R 3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself. 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord. 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. R 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. 7 Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. R 8 For my family and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity. 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.' R

SECOND READING Romans 13.11–14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

11 Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; 13 let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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GOSPEL Matthew 24.36–44

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 36 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42 Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

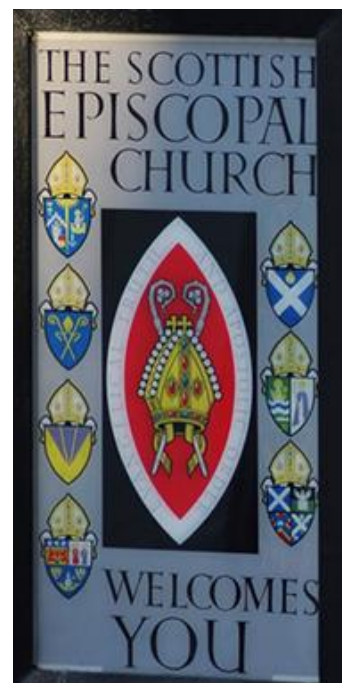
BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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

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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

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Worship today—30 Nov ADVENT SUNDAY

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—**Rector**

Music at St Johns: Litany—343—(LP 546)—66-188

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—**Rector**

Music at St Margarets: Litany—343—(LP 546)—66-188

4pm refreshments. Guest of honour is Hannah MacLeod from Renfrewshire Women's Aid who will speak with the Rector during the Christingle Event to help us learn more about their work. St Margarets is grateful to Silver Rose Funeral Directors for sponsoring the Christingles this year.



Monday 1 December—festival—Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland (transferred from 30 December)

Tuesday 2 December—comm—Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637

Wednesday 3 December—comm—Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552

2pm St Johns Said Eucharist - Rev Robert

7pm St Margarets Said Eucharist - Rector

Thursday 4 December—comm—Clement of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, c.214

Friday 5 December—comm—Charles de Foucauld, Priest and Hermit, 1916 (transferred from 1 December)

Saturday 6 December—comm—Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, 4th century

Next Sunday 7 December ADVENT 2

0945 St Johns Sung Eucharist—**Rector**

Music at St Johns: Litany—527—(LP 546)—66-105

1130am St Margarets Sung Eucharist—**Rector**

Music at St Margarets: Litany—527—(LP 546)—582-105



Intercessions The sick and in need we have promised to pray for: David Fowles, Liz Fairns, Audrey Callaghan, Adrian Bull, Moira Bruce, Neil Barclay, Veronica Whitelock, Emily Parker, Sam Aaron, Raymond Bruce, Olly Mitchell, Joe Smith, Eric Parker, Geraldine Revie, Ruby Robertson, Craig Cameron, Gloria & Chris Nelson, Scott Taylor, George Wilmshurst, Judith Thorley, Josephine Lynch, Fred Thorley, Ellen Reilly, Sarah Anne and Robert Alcorn, Tosh Lynch, Anna Gatherer

The Departed: none

The Elderly and Infirm unable to get to church: Isabel Reed, Kay Cherry & family, May Burton, Pauline Campbell, Nan Grimstead



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

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

Pastoral Assistants Support every week:

please call Wilma 07714 525726 or
Rev Robert Chambers 07968 279351

Holy Communion at home or in hospital—please contact the Rector if you are unable to get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion where you are.

During Advent St Margarets will be raising money for **The Renfrewshire Womens Refuge** and at St Johns we shall be raising money for **St Vincent's Hospice**.



Trees of Hope

Opening at St Johns
Friday 12 December
11am with *Tea and Toast...* More details to follow

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Sponsorship: we pray for the preparations for the St Johns Christmas Trees raising money for St Vincents

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