



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON
5th week of Easter ~ April 28th 2024

50 days of unremitting joy



CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Every Sunday 10.15am
2nd & 4th Sundays 5pm
3rd Sunday 5.15pm
Wednesdays 11am
Thursdays 10am

Cathedral Eucharist
Fellowship @ 5 ~ Informal worship with fellowship & food
Cathedral Evensong
Shorter Cathedral Eucharist
Morning Prayer

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH

Next 11am May 5th: Canon Tony Sparham

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON - ISLE OF SEIL ~ Next: May 5th 2024 @ 3.30pm

Cathedral led Eucharist shared with our Church of Scotland friends

SUNDAY APRIL 28th

10.15am Sung Eucharist at the Cathedral
5pm Fellowship @ 5

Tues—Thur inclusive—Margi away on Diocesan business

Wed May 1st 11am Short Eucharist - Canon Ian Walter

Thu 2nd No formal Morning Prayer

10.30– 11.30 Coffee Morning

7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

SUNDAY MAY 5th

10.15am Sung Eucharist at the Cathedral
11am Eucharist @ Ardbrecknish
3.30pm Eucharist @ Kilbrandon

UPCOMING DATES for your DIARY

MAY

Thu 9th 6pm ASCENSION DAY COMPLINE

Sat 11th 7.30pm Bach Choir & Orchestra
Concert

Sun 19th 10.15am PENTECOST
CELEBRATION EUCHARIST

JUNE

Sat 8th 7.30pm Bach Choir/Orchestra
St Columba Cantata

Sun 9th FEAST of ST COLUMBA
CATHEDRAL 104 YEARS

JULY

Sun 14th 10.15am SEA SUNDAY Eucharist
RNLI 200th Anniversary

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

Fellowship @ 5

All Welcome for
music, prayer
& discussion
with food

#inclusive #open #informal

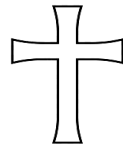
Every 2nd & 4th Sundays
5pm
St John's, Narthex, George Street

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Sunday April 28th 5pm– 6pm

Fellowship @5 is a wonderful, relaxed opportunity to share lively and safe conversation about faith. It is for those seeking to know more and those who want to grow more...all within informal worship, and with food at the end. Listen or join in as is best for you.

Do come, and invite friends and neighbours as we open our worship



Sadly we share the news of the loss of *Marjorie Sheasby*, formerly of Appin but more recently at North Argyll House.

She will be known to many during her time worshipping at the Cathedral over past years.

A Celebration of her Life will be held at Appin Parish Church on Friday May 3rd at 12noon.

All are welcome to attend, donations will be for North Argyll House.

As we give thanks for her life amongst us, may she now rest in peace and rise in glory.

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

The stone is rolled away and he comes to meet us now in bread in wine. In these 50 days of unremitting joy, we discover Christ meeting us, easing our doubts, breathing new life into our faith, bringing joy out of sorrow and hope in our fears.

Alleluia!

St John's Cathedral

Coffee Morning

Every Thursday
10.30am ~ 11.30am
Time to chat....
Everyone Welcome

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INTERCESSIONS

Province—Primus Mark and the College of Bishops

Diocese – Ian Paton, our acting bishop; Provost Margi; Tom, NSM curate at Ardbrecknish; Canon Ian, assistant priest (rtd); All Saints', Inveraray, Christ Church, Lochgilphead, St Columba's, Poltalloch, and St Margaret's, Whiting Bay: The Rev'd Canon Simon Mackenzie and congregations.

Anglican Communion –the united Church of Bangladesh: Moderator Samuel Sunil Mankhin; Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh

Porvoo Communion – Glasgow and Galloway: Bp Kevin Pearson; Göteborg/Gothenburg, Sweden: Bp Susanne Rappmann

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY & WORLDWIDE CONCERNS

For all who live in places of violence and war. For an end to atrocities & hostilities & a calm in the face of new threats—a permanent ceasefire & the safety of all children & innocent civilians with safe passage for humanitarian aid—food and medical supplies. For all who negotiate for peace and seek lasting settlements which bring peace, justice and equality for all peoples.

We pray for justice, resolution and peace, healing and comfort for all who grieve.

For our communities in this area, for all residents, students and visitors—our nursing and residential homes and all who work in the residential care sector. We pray for our local councils and community representatives as well as those who serve us in Holyrood and Westminster. May your guidance inspire them to work for good of the people of our communities and all who serve our wellbeing and enable our amenities to function.

We give thanks for all who live and work in our communities and those who represent us in governance.

For the newly appointed Net Zero Officers in the Province—that they will guide and inspire us to make the changes that we can in our churches and homes, to strengthen resolve and actions to slow and stop harm being done.

We pray for wisdom and courage to take the steps needed to reverse the harm done to the earth.

In this season of Eastertide, we pray for all affected by violence, lives lost, lives changed forever, for young people and all whose lives are in chaos and who feel no hope.

Teach us the ways of peace and care for each other, show us ways to bring new hope and new life.

SUFFERING—those we know & those who have asked for prayer ...Brian...Morag...Jenny... those unable to come to worship, those we visit; all awaiting consultations & diagnosis, or undergoing operations or treatment. May God's healing & wholeness sustain all who are in need, all who cry in silence or aloud, bringing hope & comfort to them & all who care for them. *May all who are affected by sickness, be given strength in faith, hope and the comfort of your love.*

DEPARTED—Praying in thanksgiving for the lives of those recently departed, especially for the life of Marjorie Sheasby, and those we remember at this time. May all who have died, in peace or through trauma, sickness or by violence, rest in peace & rise in glory and may all who mourn find comfort in your eternal hope.

We pray for your strength, comfort and presence

April 28th 5th of Easter

Eucharist Readings: Acts 8: 26– 40 John 15: 1-8

Hymns: SP 249 SP 158 SP 272 SP 267 Comm: NEH 276

Wednesday Readings: St Philip & St James

Isaiah 30.18-21 and John 14.1-14

COLLECT

O God, who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people: give us grace to love the things you command, and to desire the things you promise; that, amid the uncertain changes of this world, our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Daily readings return after the Resurrection Reflections (p3) end



A PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE during the period of DISCERNMENT INTERVIEWS & THE ELECTION of our next BISHOP

Almighty God, the giver of every good gift; pour out your blessing upon all serving on, and those advising the Synod of this Diocese, as we continue in the election process for our next Bishop.

Grant your spirit of wisdom and understanding; that all may be guided to the choice of one who will minister before you to the glory of your holy name: leading the people of this Diocese in a vision for the growth of your kingdom in this place, the joyful sharing of your good news, and the order of our Province and the whole Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that does not produce fruit. He also trims every branch that produces fruit to prepare it to produce even more. You have already been prepared to produce more fruit by the teaching I have given you. Stay joined to me and I will stay joined to you. No branch can produce fruit alone. It must stay connected to the vine. It is the same with you. You cannot produce fruit alone. You must stay joined to me. "I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I to you, you will produce plenty of fruit. But separated from me you won't be able to do anything. If you don't stay joined to me, you will be like a branch that has been thrown out and has dried up. All the dead branches like that are gathered up, thrown into the fire and burned. Stay joined together with me, and follow my teachings. If you do this, you can ask for anything you want, and it will be given to you. Show that you are my followers by producing much fruit. This will bring honour to my Father.

*What needs removing in us to enable us to bear good fruit?
Can we hold this in our hearts through this week in our dealings
with others? What are we showing?*

Gal 5:22-23a But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness,
self-control...

Col 1:10 so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,
to please him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good



How might it feel to be part of the vine?
Not just to see the vineyard from afar
Or even pluck the clusters, press the wine,
But to be grafted in, to feel the stir
Of inward sap that rises from our root,
Himself deep planted in the ground of Love,
To feel a leaf unfold a tender shoot,
As tendrils curled unfurl, as branches give
A little to the swelling of the grape,
In gradual perfection, round and full,
To bear within oneself the joy and hope
Of God's good vintage,
till it's ripe and whole.
What might it mean to bide and to abide
In such rich love
as makes the poor heart glad?

Malcolm Guite

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

CATHEDRAL OPENING & CATHEDRAL CLEANING

While our Cathedral cleaner is on holiday we need **help to keep the Cathedral open** for prayer and visitors. A key can be provided if you do not have one. Dates between April 29th and May 17th—please see list in Narthex.

We also would hugely appreciate **offers to put the hoover around and keep the Cathedral looking clean and tidy** whilst our cleaner is away.

Please do have a word with Margi if you can assist.

FLOWERS

Would you be happy to bring bunches of flowers to put in Cathedral vases (no arranging necessary) on a rota? This would hugely help us keep the Cathedral feeling loved and bright over the summer months. If you could do this, please sign up on the list in the Narthex—the more we can have—the fewer times necessary! Many thanks.

CATHEDRAL BIBLE STUDY

Next meets on Tuesday 14th May, 10.45 for 11 at
Gigulum, Benvoullin Rd
We will be picking up from Mark 14 v 32.
Please contact Donald for more details.

CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN

The Very Rev'd Canon Margi Campbell

not available Fridays & Saturdays

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Margi is Bishop's Commissary to our Acting Bishop, The Rt Revd Ian Paton, Bishop of St Andrew's, Dunkeld & Dunblane.

CURATE @ ST JAMES' : The Rev'd Tom Ebbens

(Currently on Royal Navy Chaplaincy training and out of contact)

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