



APRIL 19th ~ EASTER 3
50 days of unremitting joy

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Every Sunday	10.15am	Cathedral Sung Eucharist
2nd & 4th Sundays	5pm	Fellowship @ 5
Wednesdays	11am	Informal worship
Thursdays	10am	Shorter Cathedral Eucharist
		Morning Prayer

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH	May 10 @ 11am
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON	May 3 @ 3.30pm
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL	April 19 @ 11.30am



SUNDAY APRIL 19 EASTER 3

10.15am **Sung Eucharist** with children's activities in the St Columba Chapel and coffee to follow

5.15pm **Evensong**

Wed 22 11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee

Thu 23 10am Morning Prayer

10.30-11.30 Coffee Morning

7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

Sat 25 7pm Cathedral Concert for organ Appeal
The Blow-Ins

SUNDAY APRIL 26 EASTER 4

10.15am **Sung Eucharist** with children's activities in the St Columba Chapel and coffee to follow

5pm **Fellowship @ 5**

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, GEORGE STREET, OBAN
CATHEDRAL CONCERTS
WELCOMES

The Blow-ins
Bridget Cousins
Celtic harp and vocals,
Phil Bennett
guitar and vocals

Their eclectic mix of traditional, contemporary and original folk songs, and harp / guitar duets takes audiences on a musical journey from ancient love songs to songs inspired by their adopted Yorkshire home, to contemporary protest with quiet humour and powerful emotion. They come to us, with this concert to raise money for St John's Cathedral Organ Appeal

SAT APRIL 25TH
@ 7 PM
Tickets on the door

No charge is made for children and young people attending
Refreshments during the interval
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The Scottish Episcopal Church
St John's Cathedral
George Street, Oban

A SERVICE OF EVENSONG

at 5.15pm

Every third Sunday
of the month

All are warmly welcome

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Among the many possible forms of Christian worship, the service of Evening Prayer (or Evensong when sung) is remarkable both for the centuries-old liturgical tradition it represents, and for the atmosphere of contemplative devotion which enables it to remain profoundly stilling and inspiring.

The liturgy traces its origins to the daily rites of the medieval church and has been said or sung regularly in its current form for many centuries.

For some people it is music that carries them into the presence of God, for others it is words, still others - silence. Many of us value all three : words, music and silence to lead us into the spirit of worship. This service provides a liturgical, physical and musical space in which one may gather the preoccupations and concerns of life, and hold them in the presence of the God whose saving acts we celebrate.

Thus we offer to God our thanksgiving for all that has been through the day and our prayerful hope for all that is to come. We place the hours of darkness into the safe keeping of our heavenly Father knowing that, through Christ's saving grace, we are held by the Holy Spirit.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Ps 100: 4,5.

St John's Cathedral

**Coffee
Morning**



Come along for a coffee and chat

We meet every week, congregation members, locals and visitors to enjoy a cup of coffee/ tea/ chocolate...with cake/ biscuits... along with chat and company.

We'd love to welcome you to join in or help!

A sign up sheet is in the narthex

We also raise money for the Cathedral

Every Thursday

10.30am ~ 11.30am

Time to chat....

Everyone Welcome

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Easter 3

READINGS

Acts 2: 14a, 36– 41

Luke 24: 13-35

HYMNS

NEH 345, SP 309, NEH 271, NEH 486. COMMUNION: SP 216

COLLECT (prayer for the week)

O God, who, in the death and resurrection of your Son, have raised up this fallen world: may we and all your people, whom you have saved from the gates of everlasting death, rejoice in your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

PRAYERS

Diocese – Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul: Canon Missioner; Tom, chaplain R.N.; Canon Ian, Assistant priest (rtd).

The Rev'd Canon Simon Mackenzie and people of All Saints', Inveraray, Christ Church, Lochgilphead, St Columba's, Poltalloch, and St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

Anglican Communion – Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh: the Church of the Province of Myanmar/Burma: Archbp Stephen Than Myint Oo.

Porvoo Communion – Blackburn, England: Bp Philip North; Brechin, Scotland: Bp Andrew Swift; the Lutheran Church in Great Britain: Bp Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman.

We continue to pray for churches in Ukraine and the Anglican Churches in Gaza and across the Middle East. ... all places where violence and pain disrupt and destroy lives. We pray for the peace negotiations between the US, Iran, Israel and Lebanon and for peace across the world, in homes and hearts.

We pray for the Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN and all military chaplains in their service of spiritual and pastoral care. We pray for our community – for all in hospitality, all in retail and services as the season busies and our area welcomes many visitors – may they know rest and restoration.

We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed: may they know God's healing and strength, hope, renewal, especially for families and all caring for those nearing the end of life.

We give thanks for the lives of those who now worship in God's nearer presence, remembering the life of Keith Rogers on Luing, praying for Fiona and also the recent loss of ANNE WEAVIND...more recently living with her family in Germany but latterly a faithful worshipper and helper in the life of the Cathedral. We give thanks for her life and pray for all who will deeply miss her earthly presence....

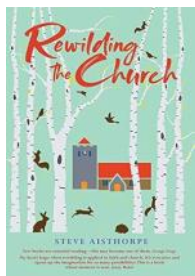
With all God's faithful, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

DIOCESAN PILGRIM PRAYER

God of the pilgrim path,
you have walked with your people through the ages:
across sea and mountain, through silence and song.
Bless the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles –
its islands and shores, its churches and people.
Renew in us the spirit of pilgrimage:
Courage to set out, faith to keep walking,
And joy in the encounters along the way.
May our journey together reveal your Kingdom
And our life together reflect your love,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GOING DEEPER IN FAITH

EASTER TO PENTECOST



Join Margi in reading 'REWILDING THE CHURCH' by STEVE AISTHORPE...not about the green algae inhabiting some of our damp walls, but rediscovering the essential joy of faith, often buried under strategies and essential building works; letting God breathe new life into dry bones and the breath of the Spirit fire us afresh.

Steve Aisthorpe, based in the Highlands, reminds us " *the resurrected Christ is still in the business of transformation...the gospel still has the power to bring freedom and wholeness ...to renovate hearts, renew lives and create vibrant and transformative communities....* " *" The rewilding of the Church draws on the resurrection power at its heart through innovation, asking new questions and going back to foundational considerations, refocusing on following Jesus and loving neighbours and being open-minded about what emerges..."*

Read and meet to discuss....

Tuesdays April 28th, May 5th, May 12th at 2pm-3pm in the Narthex

PENTECOST and onwards

In June we will have a month of **Pilgrim Reflections**—leading us into Bishop David's vision for the

Diocese *Pilgrim People*

an invitation into a story about who we are, whose we are, and how God is calling us to walk together in faith across Argyll and The Isles in the years ahead. In preparation for this we use the prayer above and begin to ponder the question... 'What story do we want to tell about the life God has entrusted to us together, and how does that story shape the way we serve our neighbours and communities?'

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Women's Group

Meeting fortnightly from Monday April 27th. For venue contact Ina (07854562210) or Mal (07548366545) *All welcome*

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN.

Sitting with Silence

A time for silent reflection with others... with a short guided introduction

12.40 – 1.15pm in the Lady Chapel

Facilitated by Peter Johnson & Rosemary Power

February 25 March 25 April 29

April 29 May 27 June 24 July 29

All are always welcome

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Dads & Toddlers

anyone can be cool, but awesome takes practice.



NEXT: Saturday May 9th

Bairns...banter...and bacon rolls.

Second Saturday of every month
9.30am–11am

St John's Cathedral Hall (behind Coasters)

Contact: Paul 07943026773 for more information

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Wednesday April 29th

@ 1pm

at Wetherspoons.

Chat, Ciabattas & Company...

come and enjoy and bring a pal too if you want.

Contact Paul Watson on 07943026773 if you need more info otherwise just turn up!

CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2026 OSCR: SC016664 EX-OFFICIO

Provost as Chair

Rectors Warden—Ken Oxland—*plus Assisting Finance*

Peoples Warden & Synod Lay Rep— Colum Scott

Alt Synod Lay Rep—Daniel Stollard

Lead Property— Ken and Colum

Secretary—Margaret Sime

Observing Ordinand: Emily D'Silva

Observing Clergy staff: Canon Paul Watson

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

Members: Mark Evetts, Jenny McEvoy, Joy Blakeney,

John Murphy, Catriona Petit

Safeguarding: Catriona Petit

Assisting: Mel Crossley (not vestry)

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The Cathedral can now take **CARD PAYMENTS**

Our Card Reader can take Weekly collection, Donations or Coffee by card. Please do give it a go! It will be on the book desk on arrival and at coffee. We hope that this will help as less cash is carried and help those banking!

Easter is not just a day to celebrate: it is a SEASON to live with renewed FAITH and HOPE.



Saint John Chrysostom

KEEPING THE

Alleluia's Alive

EVERY DAY THROUGH OUR SEASON OF JOY....

Find 2 things daily until Pentecost, that bring joy and offer thanks to God— using the words

Alleluia! Christ is alive and death loses its sting....

I give God thanks for.....

Focus on something in nature, maybe our glorious Sunsets, and give thanks that through all that is hard and dark, painful and sorrowful, God's love breaks through to bring light and life. Nothing can stop the love of God filling this world afresh. *Alleluia!*

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