



# ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON



April 20th ~ EASTER DAY & April 27th

## CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Every Sunday	10.15am	Cathedral Sung Eucharist
2nd & 4th Sundays	5pm	Fellowship @ 5
3rd Sunday	5.15pm	Cathedral Evensong
Wednesdays	11am	Shorter Cathedral Eucharist
Thursdays	10am	Morning Prayer

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH

Next: April 20th @ 10.30am

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON - OPEN FOR ALL Next: May 4th @ 3.30pm

THE DIOCESE OF ARGYLL AND THE ISLES  
ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

*Christ  
is Risen*

HOPE IS REBORN.  
LIFE IS RENEWED.  
LIGHT IS GIVEN FRESH BRILLIANCE  
THROUGH THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION  
OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST. ALLELUIA!

## DIARY FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD

### APRIL 20 EASTER DAY RESURRECTION JOY & HOPE

10.15am	Cathedral Celebration Eucharist
10.30am	Ardbrecknish Celebration Eucharist
Wed 23rd 11am	Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee
Thu 24th 10am	No formal Morning Prayer
10.30-11.30	Coffee Morning in the Cathedral

*Margi is not working from April 20th — back on 27th*

### APRIL 27 2nd of EASTER

10.15am	Cathedral Sung Eucharist
2.30pm	OMS Concert Greg Hartmann (see p3) 'From Tragedy to Transcendence' A concert of Schubert piano music
5pm	Fellowship @ 5
Mon 28th 7pm	Vestry in Macfarlane Room
Wed 30th 11am	Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee
12.45pm	Sitting with Silence (see p3)
6.30pm	Climate Café in Hope Kitchen

### MAY

Thu 1st 10am	Morning Prayer
10.30-11.30	Coffee Morning in the Cathedral
Afternoon	Ecumenical Ministers meet in Narthex

### MAY 4 3rd of EASTER

10.15am	Cathedral Sung Eucharist
3.30pm	Episcopal Service in Kilbrandon

### ADVANCE DATES FOR THE DIARY MAY

Thu May 8th 6.30pm	Bells rung for VE Day @ 80 years (see p 3)
Sat May 10th pm	Bach Choir and Orchestra Concert in the Cathedral
Sat May 24th all day	Diocesan Net-Zero Day in the Cathedral
Wed May 28th 6.30pm	Climate Café—Cathedral
Thu May 29th 6—6.30pm	Ascension Evening Service
Sun Jun 1st 10.15am	Ascension Sunday

*Final Sunday of Curacy for Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN*

### HOME COMMUNION

Please ring Provost Margi on 01631 562323  
if you would like her—or one of the team—to bring communion at home if you are unable to be at services. These will be in the week of April 28th



## BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2025

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For more information check the website  
<https://www.chas.org.uk/>

Please bring your donations to church on  
Easter Day or as soon as possible  
thereafter.

(Cheques to "The Episcopal Diocese of Argyll & The Isles).

OR the Diocese has linked with  
<https://Wonderful.org/charities/SC005373> to make a donation  
or scan this QR code and enter 'Lent Appeal' to make a donation.



Dear friends in Christ,

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

As we journey from the quiet sorrow of Good Friday, through the stillness of Holy Saturday, into the radiant joy of Easter morning, we are drawn again to the heart of our faith: that death does not have the final word. Easter Sunday finds us standing together at the empty tomb — with Mary Magdalene and the other women, with Peter and John — as we celebrate the astonishing truth of our faith: that God has restored the world, and each one of us, in the Resurrection of Jesus.

Christ is risen and walks with us — in every step we take, every breath we draw, every moment we live. God touches us with unfathomable love, offering hope and reason for our Easter joy. In the risen Christ, hope is rekindled, love is renewed, and life is restored. But Easter is not only a moment of celebration — it is a call to live each day as people of the resurrection.

In a world that so often feels marked by fear, uncertainty, and division, we are invited to bear witness to another reality — the kingdom of God breaking in among us, where peace, justice, and compassion take root and flourish. The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty. Christ walks ahead of us, calling us by name and sending us out to share the good news.

Across our diocese, in churches great and small, on islands and in glens, in cathedrals and at kitchen tables turned into altars, we can see the light of the resurrection shining - and I give thanks for each of you: for your prayers, your faithfulness, your service, and your love.

As we celebrate Easter this year, may we be renewed in our call to follow Christ with courage and joy. May we find strength in our shared life as a diocesan family, and may we always be ready to speak and live the hope that is within us.

With every blessing for a joyful and peaceful Easter.

Yours in the risen Christ,

+ DAVID

## Canon Missioner appointed to the Diocese... with link to Cathedral



The Bishop of Argyll and The Isles is very pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Canon Paul Watson as Canon Missioner for the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles. It is hoped that Paul will be licensed at a service in St John's Cathedral, Oban in August 2025 as he takes up this new role.

Bishop David says, *"I am delighted to share the news of this appointment, and it will be a joy to welcome Paul and Ina to the Diocese in due course. My prayers are with them both as they begin to think about moving, and with the people they will be leaving. Paul has a great deal of experience, enthusiasm and wisdom to share, and I look forward to working with him over the coming years."*

Paul is presently serving as the Rector of St James the Less, Bishopbriggs, in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. Paul spent many of his school years in India and Bangladesh where his parents were Baptist missionaries. He returned to the UK and graduated from St Andrews with an MA in Geography with Social Anthropology before spending 9 years working with international students in Glasgow on behalf of Friends International. During this time he was awarded a BD and MTh from Glasgow university before serving his curacy at St Ninians' Pollokshields. Five years were then spent in Sri Lanka with CMS before returning to Aberdeen in early 2009 to St Devenick's, Bieldside and then in August 2017 for St James the Less. He is married to Ina, a psychotherapist and has two adult daughters, two sons in law and a golden labrador called Bella.

Paul will be also assisting in the Cathedral one day a week, and one Sunday a month. We pray that we can become 'spiritual home' for Paul, a place where he and Ina can be rooted, grounded and held in prayer.



# Sitting with Silence

Facilitated by Peter Johnson & Rosemary Potter

Wednesday April 30th

12.45pm – 1.15pm

These silent prayer sessions are a half-hour of calm with God, followed by a chance to eat your lunch in company. Tea and coffee available.

*All always welcome*

SAVE THE DATE—MORE DETAILS TO COME

DIOCESAN NET ZERO ROADSHOW

**BUILDING A MOVEMENT TO BRING ABOUT COMMUNITY AND SOCIETAL CHANGE...**

The Provincial team will lead workshops and discussions to start conversations and support churches.

24th May 2025  
St Johns Cathedral Oban



## Helping Myanmar Earthquake Survivors

Many are aware that John Murphy—who worships with us in the Cathedral with Louise, works with 'Samaritans Purse' a charity that deploys aid and assistance to places where disasters have caused

devastation. Louise has let us know that **John was deployed to Myanmar, via Bangkok on Sunday April 6th and is working with the team, setting up a hospital and, as a part of the WASH team, responsible for water, sanitation and hygiene. They get all the water supplies to the various units within the hospital, drinking/ hand washing, toilets, showers etc.**

**Please pray for John and all the team...**

- giving thanks for their willingness to accept God's call to help
- praying for their safety
- and that they can bring healing and comfort, support and hope to the people whose lives have been torn apart.

Please also pray for Louise and all those waiting at home for news of those in the team.

Further details can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/SamaritansPurseUK> if [you](#) can **donate** please go to [SamaritansPurse.org.uk/MyanmarResponse](https://SamaritansPurse.org.uk/MyanmarResponse)



Can send critical provisions such as food, hygiene kits, and shelter kits to survivors.



Can provide essential medical supplies, enabling us to treat those wounded in the earthquake.



Can support our Emergency Field Hospital as it provides life-saving care in Jesus' Name.



WE JOIN WITH CATHEDRALS, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES AROUND THE UK ON THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WW2

10.30am

80th Anniversary  
Coffee Morning

6pm

A Short Service  
Praying for Peace  
in wars and conflicts now

6.30pm

We join the ringing of Bells to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Peace

**OBAN MUSIC**  
@ ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

WELCOMES

**Greg Hartmann**

'From Tragedy to Transcendence'  
a Schubert  
Piano Recital



**SUNDAY  
APR 27 @ 2.30 PM**

Tickets £15 on the door

No charge is made for children and young people attending our concerts

Chamber  
Music  
Scotland

Refreshments during interval  
<https://www.obanmusicsociety.com/concerts/>



## EASTER DAY READINGS

### HYMNS

Isaiah 65:17-25    John 20:1-18

NEH 110, 375, 117, 120    Communion: SP81

### COLLECT for EASTER DAY

Almighty God, who, through your Son, Jesus Christ, have overcome death and opened the gates of eternal life: grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of his resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

### COLLECT for EASTER WEEK

O Lord of life and power, who, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, have overcome the old order of sin and death, and have made all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin, and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

## READINGS for APRIL 27th

### HYMNS

Acts 5:27-32    John 20:19-31

NEH 112, NEH 113, SP 78, NEH 124    Communion: NEH 115

### COLLECT for EASTER 2

Almighty God: in your great goodness, grant that we, as pilgrims through the Easter mysteries, may hold them fast in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

## EASTERTIDE PRAYERS

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection ...we pray to God  
That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...we pray to God  
That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love ...we pray to God  
That, inspiring us, we may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter ...we pray to God.  
That by his power and leading us in wisdom, war and famine may cease through all the world ...  
we pray to God  
That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick or injured, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them ...we pray to God  
That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day ...we pray to God  
That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his Resurrection....we pray to God

*Diocese* – Bishop David; Provost Margi; Tom: Curate (NSM); Canon Ian: Priest (rtd); the people of All Saints', Inveraray, Christ Church Lochgilphead, St Columba's Poltalloch & St Margaret's, Whiting Bay: Canon Simon Mackenzie The people of St Columba's, Portree. St Michael and All Angels, Raasay, St Mary's, Sleat

*Anglican Communion* – Anglican Church in Hong Kong: Archbp Andrew Chan; Province of the Indian Ocean: Primate- Gilbert Rakotondravelo; Zanzibar, our companion diocese (Michael Hafidh, bishop)

*Porvoo Communion* – CofE Blackburn: Bp Philip North; SEC Brechin: Bp Andrew Swift; Glasgow & Galloway, Bp Elect Nicholas Bundock (Consecration on May 3rd); Lutheran Church in Great Britain: Bp Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman; Göteborg/Gothenburg, Sweden: Bp Susanne Rappmann

## CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2025

### 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

**Link for Finances**—David Pollard

**Secretary**—Margaret Sime

### 4 CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

**Stewardship/ Gift Aid**—Susannah Hughes

**Members:** Mark Evetts, Jenny McEvoy, Joy Blakeney

### ACTING ON BEHALF OF & REPORTING TO SYNOD

**Safeguarding:** Catriona Petit **Assisting:** Mel Crossley

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