



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

ST JAMES ARDBRECKKNISH Eucharist

SEPTEMBER 13 @11am Canon Tony Sparham

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON

SEPTEMBER 6 @ 3.30pm Provost Margi

ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL Eucharist

AUGUST 30 @ 11am Canon Geoffrey Ravalde

SUNDAY AUGUST 30 PILGRIM PEOPLE ~ REFLECTING

10.15am Sung Eucharist with Provost Margi

Children's activities / refreshments

A service which will focus on our Diocesan Vision, beginning the conversation of how we can develop our time spent time listening to God, and each other - discovering the unique story of God in our community and sharing where we see and feel God's presence in our lives.

How do we tell the story of our Cathedral?

How do we tell the story of our faith?

How do we grow in faith and offer the personal richness we know to others?

SEPTEMBER

Wed 2	11am	Shorter Eucharist with coffee with Provost Margi
	12.45pm	Men's Lunch at Wetherspoons - see poster p2
Thu 3	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30-12noon	Coffee Morning
	7pm	Cathedral Choir practice
Fri 4		Fire Alarm testing in the Cathedral
Sat 5	2.30pm	Music in St John's: Concert for the Cathedral Organ, Becky's Button and Kilbride—see poster opposite
		Please take posters to advertise around the town

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6 CREATION SUNDAY

LISTENING TO GOD

SPEAKING THROUGH CREATION

10.15am Sung Eucharist with Provost Margi

Children's activities / refreshments

3.30pm Eucharist at Kilbrandon

As we enter the Season of Creation, from Creation Sunday until October 4th, the Feast of St Francis and our Harvest Festival, we explore how we can listen better to God's voice in how we care for creation amidst the complexities and challenges of the world.

How can the Cathedral tell of the difference faith makes to our care for the world of which we are a part.



MUSIC @ ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

GEORGE STREET, OBAN



CAROLINE D'CRUZ



TRACY KENNINGTON

PIANO ~ FOUR HANDS

SEYMOUR ADAMS CLARINET

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

2.30PM

TICKETS ON THE DOOR £15

FOR BECKY'S BUTTON, FRIENDS OF KILBRIDE & ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN APPEAL

WITH REFRESHMENTS



UK Charity No. 1212641



Friends of Kilbride
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DATES

Tues Sept 8th	7pm	Cathedral Vestry
Sun Oct 4th	10.15am	Harvest Festival—gifts to Hope
Sun Oct 11th	10.15am	Prisons Sunday with The Rev'd Beki Cansdale
Mon Oct 12th	1pm	Interring Ashes of Canon Ian at Pennyfuir
		All are welcome

ORGAN & RECORDER RECITAL

£15

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH @7PM

Due to sudden illness, the concert on September 11th has been CANCELLED.

We hope to reschedule in due course and send our good wishes and prayers.



St John's Cathedral
Coffee Morning
Every Thursday
10.30am ~ 11.30am
Time to chat....
Everyone Welcome
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Wednesday
Sept 2nd
@ 12.45pm at
Wetherspoons
for
Chat
Ciabattas & Company...

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
Dads & Toddlers
anyone can be cool, but awesome takes practice.
NEXT Sept 12th
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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TO CONTINUE WE NEED HELP!

Can you volunteer one Thursday a month or every couple of months to help this amazing opportunity we have, to offer a place to meet for locals and visitors throughout the year. It is so important to our fellowship, a missional opportunity, and also raises around £1500 each year for our funds. Chat to Margi for details of what is needed...or sign up in the Narthex

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

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

Now on 1st Wed of every month

ORGAN APPEAL FUNDRAISING

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN
ORGAN FUND APPEAL
THE LAST £10,000

INCREDIBLE TOTAL...

Adding together all the recent recitals —The Evening @ Kilbrandon, the Inaugural Organ recital by Steven McIntyre, Charles Marshall and Anne Taylor, James Campbell and George Cringles....plus Crowdfunding / donations and Logo garments/ coffees and souvenirs.... The fundraising total from George's recital and Colin Gilbey's Drumathon bring us to

£53,028.65 leaving just £2,472 app. to go!

Thank you so much to all who have contributed in any way!

EXCLUSIVE CATHEDRAL HONEY

NORMAN'S HIVE, ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL GARDEN



LIMITED FIRST EVER SUPPLY— 1 jar left!!

£8.50 per jar from the Cathedral—for Organ Appeal

We are delighted that this hive helps with pollination in the town and is a step forward in our ecodiversity.



UNIQUE CATHEDRAL LOGO

T-shirts.... Polos... sweatshirts... micro-fleece

Ordered through Ness Anderson

Tee's £20

Polo shirts £20

Sweatshirt £28

Fleeces £30



An Cuilidh
Cathair-eaglaise

THE CATHEDRAL RETREAT

Nourishing our souls
and helping nature flourish

NEXT STEP

Following the installation of our apiary, and sampling of the first ever honey from the centre of Oban....now we are meeting to plan the rest of the garden...

the clearing, planting, devising prayer stations along paths, and hopefully encouraging nature to thrive.

Our intention is to create a unique quiet place in the town for outdoor prayers and reflection on God's incredible creation which supports and encourages bio-diversity.

To do this we need to develop a **safe area to walk, sit and reflect on nature** and our surroundings; and **pray using the prayer journey slate prompts.**

We will also **restore the terraced beds for flowers and greenery for the Cathedral.**

Ness Anderson is wonderfully heading up the practical aspects of clearing and planting the garden but it cannot happen without some willing helpers to assist.

If you are interested in being a part of this project, for planting and maintenance please do speak to Ness or Provost Margi and please pray that we can reach out share this way of deepening faith and touching God.

FIRST MEETING in SITU for all interested....

Sunday September 6th at 12.30pm

Cathedral Retreat Garden—Ardconnell Terrace
parking limited on road

EUCCHARIST READINGS

Readings: Exodus 3: 1-15 Matthew 25.14-30

Hymns SP 298 O changeless Christ

SP 186 God in his wisdom

SP 283 I will sing the wondrous story

SP 289 Lord for the years

Comm: SP 290 Lord make us servants

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, by whose grace alone your faithful people offer you service and praise: grant that we may hasten without stumbling towards the things that you promise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

LISTENING TO GOD

A reflection from Bishop David

Isaiah 11.1-9, 1 Cor 12.4-11, Matthew 25.14-30

The prophet Isaiah speaks of new growth emerging from what appears fragile, and of leadership shaped by the gifts of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge and reverence. Saint Paul reminds us that the same Spirit distributes different gifts for the common good. And in the Gospel, Jesus teaches that what has been entrusted to us is not to be hidden away, but offered faithfully in service of God's Kingdom.

Taken together, these readings offer a powerful reminder that the Spirit does not call every community to be the same. God entrusts different gifts to different people and different places. Our task is neither comparison nor imitation, but faithful discernment. We are called to recognise what has been given to us and to use it well. My hope is that the months ahead will help us discover afresh the gifts already present within our congregations and communities; the stories, experiences, places and relationships through which God has been at work; and the particular vocation God is giving to each part of our Diocese. Some of these stories may in time be gathered and shared more widely. As we do so, we will treat them with care and only share them with the permission of those who have offered them. If we can learn to listen well, then whatever follows will be built upon a stronger foundation. As pilgrims, we do not yet know every stage of the road ahead. But we trust that Christ walks with us, and that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church into all truth. My prayer is that this season may deepen our attentiveness to God's presence, strengthen our confidence in God's calling, and help us discover afresh what it means to be a pilgrim people in Argyll and The Isles.

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

TO FOLLOW OUR PATTERN OF DAILY PRAYER:

MORNING, EVENING OR NIGHT—go to

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/daily-offices/>

and open the link. This offers the full service to read, daily readings etc.

FOR DETAILS OF SAINTS DAYS/ CELEBRATIONS go to :

<https://www.seccalendar.org.uk/> open link on the day

PRAYERS

Province: Primus Mark. Bishop Anne, Aberdeen & Orkney + Shetland

Diocese: Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul—Canon Missioner and Canon Pastor; Emily D'Silva—Cathedral Ordinand in Training
Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chaplain R.N.

For our brother and sisters worshipping on Seil, Mull and Ardbrecknish.
Episcopal Church on the Isle of Skye and Isle of Raasay : Rev'd
Iain Osborne, Revd Rosemary Bungard, Rev'd Jane Whittell

Anglican Communion: Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp
Michael Hafidh; The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Porvoo Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Turku,
Archbp Tapio Luoma, Bp Mari Leppänen
Church of England: Diocese of York, Archbp Stephen Cottrell, Bp Barry
Hill, Bp Flora Winfield, Bp Eleanor Sanderson, Bp Stephen Race

World and local community

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza and across the Middle East: all places where violence and pain disrupt and destroy lives. We pray for peace across the world, in homes and hearts, that negotiators will find the pathway to new of trust and long lasting reconciliation.

We pray for those affected by the Ebola outbreak and for those seeking to bring help and create effective vaccines.

We pray for all affected by the floods in Nepal and the Himalayan Border regions with China, for comfort and strength, for aid and assistance worldwide.

We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed: for those we know awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatment...those cared for by others—and those who struggle alone. May God's healing presence uphold and protect them and bring them to new life.

We pray for those who have lost hope in life and feel troubled or distressed...for those around them who long to return them to joy, that through you, they may be restored. for those nearing the end of life to know your strength and assurance.

We pray with all who mourn...especially those mourning the loss of of Rob, and of Gary, that they may know comfort and hope... and giving thanks for the lives of those we see no longer but now rejoice in God's heavenly Kingdom, we pray that all who have passed into your eternal Kingdom may rest in peace and rise in glory.

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2026

A simple shoebox

packed with love and care can mean so much. Every year, thousands of people take part in Blythwood's Shoe Box Appeal, filling shoeboxes with gifts for children and adults affected by poverty, trauma and exploitation. A shoebox filled with simple, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, clothing, sweets and a small gift can bring joy to someone who may have very little. It is about more than the things inside. **Each box is personal. Each one is an expression of care and lets someone know they have not been forgotten.**

Since our first Shoe Box Appeal in 1993, we have delivered more than 2.9 million shoeboxes – each is different, personal, an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need. The individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in churches, schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low-income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine. This Christmas, your shoebox could help us reach even more people. Shoeboxes are delivered through our trusted partners to people in **Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.**

Once checked, Blythwood adds a **Bible storybook for children, a story of a life transformed by Jesus for teenagers or a calendar with Bible verses for adults.** If you are not able to fill a shoebox yourself, you can still remember others by gifting two shoeboxes for £28, [click here](#) to find out how.

Please start filling your box now and bring to the Cathedral from October 4th until October 25th



Food Parcel Service

Mon, Weds, Fri, Sat 11am-1.30pm

Hope Kitchen offers a food parcel service for anyone experiencing financial difficulties or struggling to access groceries.

- Our service is there to provide a bag of non-perishable groceries to sustain you for 3-4 days at a time, as well as being able to sign-post to further support.
- People can refer themselves, for up to 3 times a year. But we can also support people on an ongoing basis with a referral from another local organisation.
- Food parcels can be collected Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11am-1.30pm, from Hope Kitchen



Hope Kitchen
2 Soroba Rd,
Oban
PA34 4HU

01631 565730
info@hopekitchen.org.uk
Charity No: SC041770

Thanks to a wonderful volunteer offering to take our contributions to Hope Kitchen, we invite you to help those in need in our community by bringing non-perishables to the Narthex to be used in the food parcels. Please make sure all gifts are in good date.

CONTACTS AND CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

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)

WAYS of GIVING to the CATHEDRAL We are so grateful to all who give to the Cathedral to safeguard our present & future

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Acc: 00178722 St John's Cathedral Oban

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IBAN BIC (SWIFT) RBOSGB2L

For BACS gifts please enter name or 'anonymous donation' to help with book-keeping.

STEWARDSHIP /GIFT AID contact Susannah Hughes
Via website contact page

CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION

CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN

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Cathedral Priest Pastor and Diocesan Canon Missioner

The Rev'd Canon Paul Watson

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Assisting Priest: (NSM)The Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chapn RN (Active)

Cathedral Director of Music: James Campbell contact via

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CAF—Charities Aid Foundation

We are now registered for direct payments through CAF—as 'Cathedral of St John the Divine' find under that title or at

[https://www.cafonline.org/system/donate?](https://www.cafonline.org/system/donate?dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac)
[dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac](https://www.cafonline.org/system/donate?dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac)

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.