



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SERVICES

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 ARDBRECKNISH Eucharist	AUGUST 23 @ 11am	Bishop David
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON	SEPTEMBER 6 @ 3.30pm	Provost Margi
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL Eucharist	AUGUST 9/16/23 @ 11am	

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

10.15am	Sung Eucharist & Baptism <i>Children's activities / refreshments</i> Celebrant: Provost Margi Bishop David will preach & baptise his grandson Edward.
5pm	Fellowship @ 5—talk by John Murphy

Please note: Provost Margi is off duty Monday 10th—Monday 24th August

Mon 10	3pm	Women's Group (see poster)
	4pm	OMS AGM in Narthex—all welcome
Wed 12	11am	Shorter Eucharist and coffee led by Canon Paul
Thu 13		No formal Morning Prayer No Coffee Morning No choir practices throughout August

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

10.15am	Sung Eucharist with Bishop David <i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
5.15pm	Evensong with Bishop David
11am	Shorter Eucharist and coffee with Provost Margi No formal Morning Prayer No Coffee Morning No choir practice

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

10.15am	Sung Eucharist with Provost Margi We welcome Emila D'Silva in her first official service with us as she begins her Training for Ordination. <i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
5pm	Fellowship @ 5
11am	Shorter Eucharist with coffee with Provost Margi
10am	Morning Prayer
10.30-12noon	Coffee Morning No choir practice

Edward Martin ...

May the Spirit of God be in you
Wisdom and understanding keep you
The power of God encircle you
And God's truth lead you into freedom

We welcome you
into God's family



ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

Fellowship @ 5

All Welcome

This week John Murphy will share some of his experiences through Samaritans Purse, bringing aid to those suffering from Ebola in D R Congo

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



Meeting again Monday
August 10th @ 3pm
Women in the Bible
More details from
Ina (07854562210) or
Mal (07548366545)

All welcome



Well done and many thanks to Colin Gilbey, who drummed to music through the decades from 60's to now...from 10am—6pm and has raised—to date— **around £400!** Amazing feat, great fun with singing and dancing encouraging him along! Thank you!



Tremendous thanks to George Cringles for a wonderful organ recital during our Thursday Coffee morning, exploring the colour tones of the organ and **raising nearly £350!** Thank you!



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...**

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



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!
Sadly we have had to close this over
the 2 weeks that Provost Margi is
away as we need more 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

**Could you help....could you take the food collected in the
Narthex to Hope Kitchen/ Re-store.** These gifts make a huge
difference to those in need but need a regular volunteer to
take them...weekly/ fortnightly...please talk to Provost Margi

ONGOING ORGAN APPEAL FUNDRAISING



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

£52, 436 leaving just £3,064 app. to go!

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

Please make a note of the concert below after
which we hope we will have reached the point
when we can close the fundraising and
celebrate that, within a year of installation,
we have hopefully will have raised the total
sum.

RECITAL

ORGAN & RECORDER RECITAL

£15

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH @ 7PM

Antony Baldwin & Lynne Hope

All proceeds to the Organ Appeal

EXCLUSIVE CATHEDRAL HONEY

**NORMAN'S HIVE, ST JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL GARDEN**

This honey is sourced from the St John's
Cathedral garden and within that, Norman's hive.
Captain Norman Macleod MBE died on 18 March 2026
aged 95. He had a keen interest in many things
including bees and the products of the hive. It was felt a
fitting tribute to Norman was to dedicate a hive in his
memory and this honey is a product of that.
The bees roam freely over the town of Oban and are
currently the only managed honey bees residing in the
town of Oban.

The honey is a delightful golden hue and has hints of
the floristic diversity found from foraging a wide range
of flowers including trees and garden plants. It contains
suggestions of lime, sycamore, clover, bramble, mint
and no doubt you may note some others.

The beekeeper is Stephen Sunderland a Master Bee
Farmer and he has worked closely with the Cathedral
team to develop this project.

LIMITED FIRST EVER SUPPLY—24 jars.

£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

Fleece £30



PRAYER AND SERVICE RESOURCES

EUCCHARIST READINGS 9th August

Romans 10.5-15 Matt 14: 22-33

COLLECT

Open your merciful ears, O Lord, to the prayers of your humble servants: and, that you would graciously grant what we ask, make us desire what is pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

EUCCHARIST READINGS 16th August

Genesis 45: 1-15 Matt 15: 21-28

COLLECT

O God, you make known your almighty power in your merciful compassion: increase your mercy towards us; that we, being eager for your promises, may inherit the treasures of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

EUCCHARIST READINGS 23rd August

Romans 12: 1-8 Matt 16: 13-20

COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, by your generous love you grant to those who pray more than is desired or deserved: pour down your mercy upon us, forgiving what our conscience fears, and granting what we dare not ask; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

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 Nick & Dioc. of Glasgow & Galloway

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.;

St Andrew's, Fort William: St Finan, Kinlochmoidart with Strontian :
The Cathedral Church of The Holy Spirit, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae
All Saints, Inveraray; Christ Church, Lochgilphead; St Columba's,
Poltalloch; St Margaret's, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran—Canon Simon as he comes to retirement and the people as they enter a vacancy.

Anglican Communion: Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; The Episcopal Church/ The Church in Wales, The Church in West Africa

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; for the work of Samaritan's Purse in DR Congo giving thanks for John's safe return and all who still go out to serve and help.

We pray for our towns and villages—for our young people preparing to return to school and all staff .

We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed: especially those who have been harmed by others, locally and nationally. may they know God's healing and strength, hope and renewal

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....giving thanks for the lives of those we see no longer but now rejoice in God's heavenly Kingdom, may all who have passed into your eternal Kingdom, rest in peace and rise in glory.



Prayer Reflection *And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.* (2 Cor 3: 18) Reflecting God through our lives....how open are we to this? In our encounters - let us pray that we are a mirror onto God, reflecting his light, hope, love, justice, joy, peace in all that we are, say and do.



An Cuilidh Cathair-eaglaise The Cathedral Retreat

Nourishing our souls and helping nature flourish

The Cathedral has a vision to develop the Cathedral Garden (area below the Rectory on Ardconnel Terrace) as a place of retreat, developing it as a quiet place for outdoor prayers and reflection on God's incredible creation which supports and encourages bio-diversity. Over the coming months we will be planning, planting, devising prayer stations along paths, and hopefully encouraging nature to thrive.

As an amazing start, we have an **active apiary** at the bottom of the garden area and are the delighted 'landlords' to 50,000 bees (the number of honey bees in a hive) who have just starting producing **exclusive honey.....see page 2!** Our bees are under the care of a qualified and experienced local bee keeper and as the only hive in the town centre, are raising the level of pollination in the 3 mile radius around their hive....a really positive step for the Cathedral to bring to the town. If you meet a honey bee in the town centre, it is likely to be one of ours.

With the bees settled, our next step is to bring the garden under control and enable the vision to be fully realised. 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.**

Whilst Hope Kitchen were using the space, they have provided a shed, handrail and secure fencing for which we are incredibly grateful.

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....in order that we can make this unique offering in the town to worship and reflect on God through nature's wonders.

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.



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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 IBAN BIC (SWIFT) RBOSGB2L

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STEWARDSHIP /GIFT AID contact Susannah Hughes
 Via website contact page

CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN

The Very Rev'd Canon Margi Campbell *Non work day Friday*

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Cathedral Priest Pastor and Diocesan Canon Missioner

The Rev'd Canon Paul Watson

Please contact Paul if you would like a visit or home communion

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missioner@argyll.anglican.org

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?dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfb8cf5ac>

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.