



### ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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

#### SUNDAY MAY 10 EASTER 6

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

5pm **Fellowship @ 5 – Exploring the Parables**

7.30pm *Bach Choir at St Columba's*

Mon 11 Womens Group *see page 3*

Tue 12 2pm 'Rewilding the Church' Book discussion. Narthex *See page 2*

Wed 13 11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee

Thu 14 10am Morning Prayer

10.30-11.30 Coffee Morning

6pm Ascension Day Compline with hymns

7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

Fri 15 7.30pm Organ Appeal Concert in Kilbrandon *see below*

Sat 16 7pm 'Filling Station' Ecumenical Worship @ Rockfield

#### SUNDAY MAY 17 ASCENSION SUNDAY

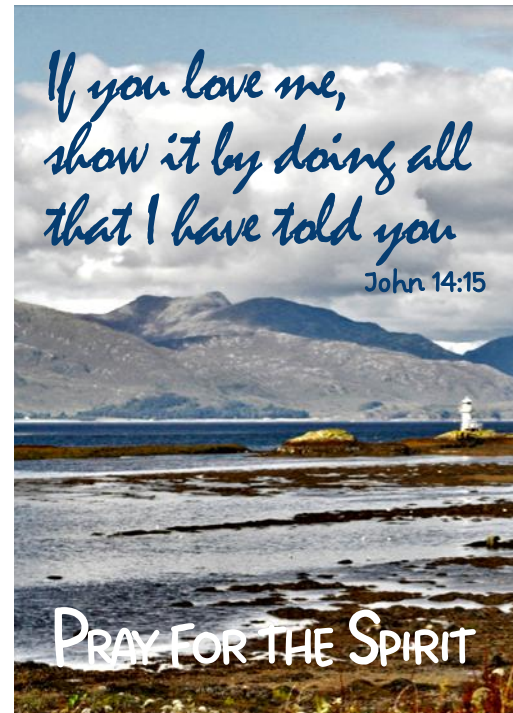
10.15am **Sung Eucharist with Baptism**

with children's activities in the St Columba Chapel  
Coffee and Baptism cake with the family to follow

5.15pm **Evensong**

#### DATES TO NOTE:

Pentecost	May 24	Celebration Eucharist 10.15am
Celebrating @ 106	June 7	Festal Eucharist with Feast of Columba Stepping out in Pilgrim Faith with the Celtic Saints
	June 14	Festal Eucharist ~ Pilgrim People
	June 21	Festal Eucharist ~ St Brendan the Navigator
	June 28	Festal Eucharist ~ St Moluag



THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ARGYLL AND THE ISLES  
**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL**  
GEORGE STREET, OBAN

*Ascension Day Celebrations*

**COMPLINE**  
Thursday May 14th ~ 6pm

**SUNG EUCHARIST**  
with Baptism  
Sunday May 17th ~ 10.15am

*All welcome - all invited*

As they were looking, HE WAS LIFTED UP and a cloud took him from their sight  
Acts 1:9

FOR ST JOHN'S ORGAN APPEAL

**KILBRANDON WINDOWS**  
*Celebration*

Raising funds for St John's Cathedral Organ Fund Appeal

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
Doors 7pm  
Start 7.30 pm  
Kilbrandon Church

A joyful evening of Organ Music from James Campbell (*Organist at St John's Cathedral*) and from Seil Sound...Poetry by Kenneth Steven and the Kilbrandon stained glass reconsidered.  
**TICKETS £10 inc celebratory drink**

St John's Episcopal Cathedral, Oban

**Celebrating 106 yrs since Cathedral Inauguration**  
June 7th @ 10.15am

*Festal Eucharist with Feast of Columba*

Stepping out in Pilgrim Faith with the Celtic Saints

Beginning a month reflecting on the Saints who shared the faith in our Diocese

*During this service we will be recording our Diocesan Pilgrim Prayer to be a part of a Diocesan video (you need not be seen if preferred)*

**SOLOMON**

An Oratorio by Handel

**OBAN BACH CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA**

Leader, Helen Jordan

SHAUNA HEALY, Soprano  
SOPHIE BYSOUTH, Soprano  
NAOMI FESTER, Mezzo-soprano  
Conductor: NORMAN NICHOLSON

**SUNDAY, MAY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7.30pm**  
St. Columba's Cathedral, Oban

Seat with programme (obtainable at the door), £15-00  
full time students under 25, £7-50; schoolchildren, free

# EASTER 6

READINGS Acts 17:22-31 John 14:15-21

HYMNS NEH 466, SP 253, SP 176, NEH 420. COMMUNION: SP 93

## COLLECT (prayer for the week)

O God, from whom all good things arise: grant such grace to those who call on you, that, by your inspiration, we may ponder those things that are right, and, by your guidance, do them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

## PRAYERS

**Province:** Glasgow and Galloway—a new Dean being installed: The Revd Canon Matthew Little and with thanks for the work of Dean Reuben over many years.

**Diocese** – Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul: Canon Missioner; Tom, chaplain R.N.; Canon Ian, Assistant priest (rtd). The people of St Columba’s Chapel, Bishop’s House, Iona: The Rev’d Joyce Watson

**Anglican Communion** –Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; United Church of Pakistan: Azad Marshall, Moderator.

**Porvoo Communion** – Gloucester, Eng: Bp Rachel Treweek; Västerås, Sweden: Bp Mikael Mogren

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 local and national governance, for all recently elected to Holyrood and those disappointed in not being selected. We pray for wisdom, integrity, care and insight in all their work.

We give thanks for the wonders and beauty of the world we live in, praying that we may be better co-inhabitants with all God’s creation and cherish all that God has shared.

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

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, giving thanks for the life of Canon Gerald Kaye who ministered in this Diocese and died earlier this week.

May all God’s faithful 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

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

April 29 May 27 June

A chance afterwards to eat lunches together in the Narthex

All are always welcome

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# Coffee Morning

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

## GOING DEEPER IN FAITH...EASTER TO PENTECOST

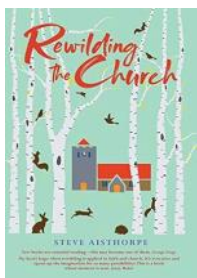
Join Margi in reading 'REWILDING THE CHURCH' by STEVE AISTHORPE...

...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 breath 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...**Tuesday May 12th**

**2pm-3pm in the Narthex**



## PENTECOST and onwards

In June we will have a month of Pilgrim Reflections—leading us into Bp 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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# Festival of the Sea

Alongside the visit of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race

Plans include:

Sea Sunday Celebration Service ~ July 12th @ 10.15am

*From Coracles to Clippers*

Blessing of the Sea by the shore

Paper Boat Prayer Installation for all to take part in

Concert and Coffee Mornings

*If you are interested in assisting in the Cathedral during the Festival, please sign up. More details soon*



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Meeting fortnightly:  
next is  
**Monday May 11th**  
For time & venue contact  
Ina (07854562210)  
or Mal (07548366545)  
*All welcome*

**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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*An Cailidh* :The Retreat  
Reflecting on the Rectory garden (below the road) the Vestry are actively supporting ways that will both provide flowers and foliage for Cathedral use and enable it as a quiet place for outdoor prayers and reflection on God's incredible creation. Over the coming months we

will be planning, planting, devising prayer stations along paths, and hopefully encouraging biodiversity. It is a wonderful way to use a beautiful place to nourish our souls and enable wildlife to flourish. As soon as we have paths accessible we will advertise when it can be used. For safety, we will need a responsible person to be present when it is open, and it is not going to be a public place except for prayer/quiet times until we can have people on hand. It will positively link into our Diocesan Biodiversity plan and we will see if we can instal bat boxes (it is already on a bat route) or swift nest boxes. As a wonderful start, and as a result of our Bee Festival, we now have an 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) They are under the care of a qualified and experienced local bee keeper and will be a wonderful increase in the number of pollinating honey bees in and around Oban. If you are interested in being a part of this project, please do speak to Provost Margi, whether for planting, maintenance or when we open for prayer times.....



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**The Rev'd Canon Paul Watson**  
07943026773 *limited hours at Cathedral*  
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**Assisting Priest (Rtd) The Rev'd Canon Ian Walter**  
**Assisting Priest: (NSM)The Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chapn RN (Active)**

**Cathedral Director of Music: James Campbell**

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