



## MAY 24 PENTECOST

Reaching the culmination of *50 days of unremitting joy*

### 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

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH	June 14 @ 11am
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON	June 7 @ 3.30pm
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL	May 24 @ 11.30am

### SUNDAY MAY 24 PENTECOST

**10.15am Celebration Eucharist** with children's activities in the St Columba Chapel, refreshments follow.

*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)*

**5pm Fellowship @ 5** focussing on the Parables

Mon 25		Womens Group — see below
Tue 26	2pm	Church Together Leaders meeting in Narthex
Wed 27	11am	Shorter Eucharist with coffee
	12.40pm	Sitting with Silence
		<i>Please note — Men's Lunch moved to 1st Wednesday of the month</i>
Thu 28	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30-11.30	Coffee Morning
	7pm	Cathedral Choir Practice

*Provost Margi will be at a meeting in Edinburgh on Tuesday and at St Mary's Cathedral Edinburgh for the translation of Bishop Dagmar Winter as Bishop of Edinburgh on Saturday*

#### DATES TO NOTE:

**Funeral for Canon Ian Walter ~ June 5th at 11am in the Cathedral...all are warmly invited ... please see a short eulogy to Canon Ian on page 2.**

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



EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

PENTECOST  
CELEBRATION  
EUCHARIST

SUNDAY  
MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
10.15AM

*All are invited  
and welcome*

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN SC016664

*Fellowship @ 5*

*All Welcome  
for music, prayer  
& discussion with food  
Focus on...  
Parables*

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

*#inclusive #open #informal*

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

**May 27 June 24 July 29**

A chance afterwards to eat lunches together in the Narthex

*All are always welcome*

St John's Cathedral

**Women's Group**

Meeting fortnightly  
NEXT: MONDAY MAY 25  
For venue contact  
Ina (07854562210) or  
Mal (07548366545) *All welcome*

St John's Episcopal Cathedral, Oban

**Celebrating 106 yrs since  
Cathedral Inauguration**

Sunday 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



## The Rev'd Canon Ian Edward Walter

01/01/1947 – 19/05 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we share the sad news of the death of The Rev'd Canon Ian Walter on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2026.

Ian was ordained deacon in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway in 1973, having trained at Cuddesdon College and gained Masters degrees at Edinburgh University and Keble College, Oxford.

He served curacies in St John the Evangelist, Greenock and at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, before being appointed Rector to St Barnabus, Paisley.

Always mentioning his wife, May's contribution to his ministry, their next steps took them to serve in the Church of England in the Manchester Diocese (St Philip, Bolton le Moors) where, alongside parish life, Ian also served as the Diocesan Ecumenical Officer for 6 years. Ian spent seven years in All Saints Elton, before being appointed to St George Stalybridge and then returning in 2001 to the Scottish Episcopal Church to serve his final appointment in St Cuthbert's, Hawick in the Diocese of Edinburgh.

Ian retired in 2008 and with May, moved to Oban, where his next 18 years were in faithful and stalwart service at St John's Cathedral, latterly also maintaining regular services in St Columba's, Gruline on the Isle of Mull. Retirement was not quiet, he assisted in the Cathedral through 2 vacancies and still delighted in celebrating at midweek services even until a few months before his death. Diocesan recognition of his service was made on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 when he was installed as an Honorary Canon of St John's Cathedral on his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination.

We will miss his presence and ministry shared over many years among the Cathedral congregation, in Gruline and around the Diocese; and we will remember his warm welcome to visitors, immense care in preparing to lead services, his devotion to serve and work for God's Kingdom alongside a deep longing he always felt to do more in his ministry. Theological learning and debate was immensely important to him, alongside duty to the community and his stories of experiences in ministry, and hills and mountains walked, filled many a coffee morning. He was deeply pleased that his final act before being taken ill was to cast his vote.

We have sorrow in his passing from our presence, but pray he has the joy of being in the nearer presence of our God, reunited in the eternal with his wife May - almost 5 years to the day of her death. May died on May 20 2022, and in realising that he would not be able to visit her grave on the anniversary this year, he asked for white carnations to be placed by the paschal candle in the Cathedral. This was done, with additional blue flag irises added (blue was his favourite colour) marking his final step into the Kingdom he had faithfully proclaimed for nearly 53 years of ordained life.

We offer our prayers to Ian's brothers and wider family and give thanks for his life and ministry.

**Ian's Funeral will be on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am in St John's Cathedral.**

**It will be a Requiem Mass and all are warmly invited to attend.**

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

# PENTECOST

EUCCHARIST READINGS Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23

HYMNS : Sheet, NEH 367, NEH 137, NEH 140. Communion: NEH 431

## COLLECT (prayer for the week)

O God, who on the day of Pentecost enlightened the hearts of your people by the fire of the Holy Spirit: give us wisdom and understanding, and lead us into all truth, that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same 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

## PRAYERS

**Province:** The Scottish Institute, Board, staff and students.

For Bishop Dagmar and the Diocese of Edinburgh, as all prepare for her installation as Bishop on Saturday.

**Diocese** – Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul—Canon Missioner; Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chaplain R.N.; for Episcopalians on Barra, Benbecula, North and South Uist, Harris, and across the Outer Hebrides

**Anglican Communion** –Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; the Episcopal Church in the Philippines: Prime Bishop Nestor Dagas Poltic.

**Porvoo Communion**– Exeter, England: Bp Michael Harrison; Nord-Hålogaland, Norway: Bp Stig Rune Lægdene.

### World and local community

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 peace across the world, in homes and hearts. We pray for the families of all who have lost their lives in the mining disaster in China and all injured.

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

We pray for the Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN and all military chaplains in their service of spiritual and pastoral care

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

We pray for those who have lost hope in life and feel troubled or distressed. We pray for those around them who long to return them to joy, that through you, they may be restored.

We pray for families and all caring for those nearing the end of life that they may 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, **giving thanks for the life of Canon Ian Walter—his ministry and faith and presence in our lives.** We pray for his brothers and wider family as they mourn his loss. May Ian and all God's faithful rest in peace and rise in glory.

**HELP NEEDED** Would you be able to assist with any of these gaps.... Please talk to Margi if you could....

- Taking food gifts to HOPE KITCHEN on a regular basis from the Narthex
- Help with the Coffee Morning filling gaps on the rota—help given
- Come on the rota to read, serve, welcome, steward—help given
- Help with flowers—just needs bunches bought and put in vases—filling gaps on the rota

## St John's Cathedral Building Works

Following the installation of the Disabled Access wheelchair lift—we are now looking to make changes to our existing toilet to make it accessible for all. This will ensure that we can properly welcome everyone to our Cathedral worship and events and bring us in line with legal requirements. Plans have been drawn up by our architect and we will be submitting a Preliminary Canon 35 application. We will be looking to apply for grants to assist in the cost of this which will be approximately £30,000. The plan will be on display in the Narthex, we will be creating an entrance through the wall where the hymn books are currently kept, blocking the entrance from the porch and reconfiguring the layout of the current space. To create more facilities, we are also looking to create a single toilet in the lobby of the Macfarlane Room, accessible during services and events via the Narthex back stairs. These plans are being completed and will be displayed and Canon 35 sought, once ready.



Alongside the visit of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race  
 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 can assist in the Cathedral during the Festival, please sign up...*



St John's Cathedral  
**Coffee Morning**  
 Every Thursday  
 10.30am ~ 11.30am  
 Time to chat....  
 Everyone Welcome  
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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL  
**Dads & Toddlers**  
 anyone can be cool, but awesome takes practice.  
**NEXT : Saturday June 13**  
 Bairs...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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**CHAT, CIABATTAS & COMPANY**  
 Wednesday June 3  
 @ 1pm at Wetherspoons.  
 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!

**PICTURES of the wonderful Baptism of Sylvia last week.**

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**CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2026** OSCR: SC016664  
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 Alt Synod Lay Rep - Daniel Stollard  
 Lead Property - Ken and Colum  
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 Members: Mark Evetts, Jenny McEvoy, Joy Blakeney, John Murphy, Catriona Petit  
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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=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbc8f5ac>

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 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.