



### 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	May 10 @ 11am
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON	May 3 @ 3.30pm
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL	May 10 @ 11.30am

### SUNDAY MAY 3 EASTER 5

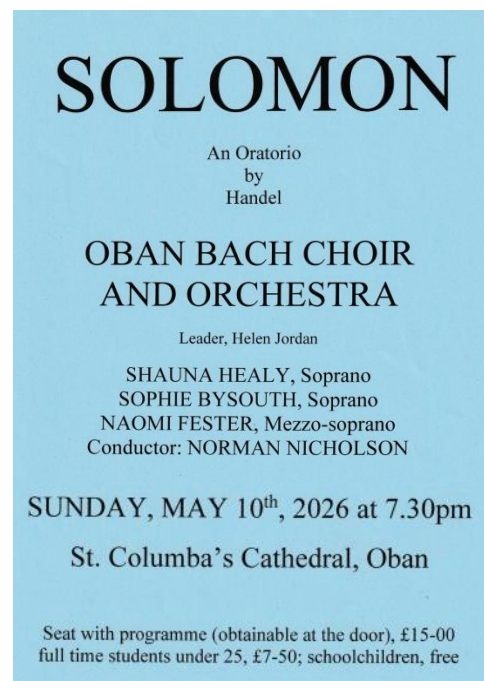
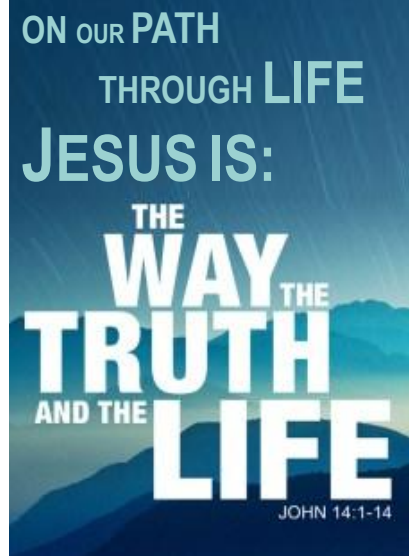
10.15am	Sung Eucharist with children's activities in the St Columba Chapel and coffee to follow
3.30pm	Episcopal Eucharist in Kibrandon (Isle of Seil)
Tue 5	2pm 'Rewilding the Church' Book discussion—Narthex <i>See page 2</i>
Wed 6	11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee
Thu 7	No formal Morning Prayer
10.30-11.30	Coffee Morning <i>help urgently needed—see p 3</i>
7pm	Cathedral Choir Practice
Sat 9	9.30am Dads & Tods ( <i>see below</i> )

### 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

### DATES TO NOTE:

Ascension Day	Thu May 14 ~ Compline 6pm
Ascension Sunday	May 17 ~ Sung Eucharist & Baptism 10.15am
Pentecost	May 24 ~ Celebration Eucharist 10.15am
Celebrating @ 106	June 7 ~ Festal Eucharist with Feast of Columba



# EASTER 5

## READINGS

Acts 7: 55-60 John 14: 1-14

## HYMNS

NEH 296 NEH 436 SP 281 NEH 361 COMMUNION: NEH 337

### COLLECT (prayer for the week)

O God, who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people: give us grace to love the things you command, and to desire the things you promise; that, amid the uncertain changes of this world, our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found; 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:** Giving thanks for the Ordination of the Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Bundock, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, 2025

**Diocese** – Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul: Canon Missioner; Tom, chaplain R.N.; Canon Ian, Assistant priest (rtd). Episcopalians on Colonsay, Coll, and Tiree and on Rùm, Eigg, and Muck

**Anglican Communion** –Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh: the United Church of North India Moderator: Paritosh Canning

**Porvoo Communion** – Bjørgvin/Bergen, Norway: Bp Ragnhild Jepsen; Southwark, Eng: Bp Christopher Chessun 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 community –for all in hospitality, all in retail and services as the season busies and our area welcomes many visitors– may they know rest and restoration.

We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed: may they know God's healing and strength, hope, renewal, especially 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 , remembering especially the life of Anne Weavind...formerly a faithful worshipper in the Cathedral before moving to live with family in Germany . May she, with all God's faithful, rest in peace and rise in glory.

**The Elections on May 7th** On the Mace, which sits in Parliament whenever they are in session, is inscribed... *integrity, compassion, justice and wisdom*. Let us pray that all who seek to serve and all who are elected be inspired and governed by these values....Bless them with patience, humility, wisdom, and empathy as they consider the path ahead. Put on their hearts, the poor and the marginalized as they consider what steps would create the best future for all those who live in our lands. Remind of their duty to serve the interests of all their constituents, perhaps especially those whose voices are most often drowned out by the powerful and the privileged. Lord grant them ears to hear, wisdom to discern, and voices to speak truth. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### 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

## 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....**Tuesdays May 5th ,May**

**12th at 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?'

St John's Cathedral  
**Coffee Morning**  
 Every Thursday  
 10.30am ~ 11.30am  
 Time to chat.....  
 Everyone Welcome  
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## Come along for a coffee and chat

We meet every week... congregation members, locals and visitors to enjoy a cup of coffee/ tea/ chocolate.. cake/ biscuits... plus chat and company.

We'd love to welcome you to join in, or if you are able to spare the odd hour, please consider helping! **We urgently need** of more volunteers to keep this important time of outreach and hospitality running...

A sign up sheet is in the narthex if you can help...  
 We also raise money for the Cathedral!

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



A tremendous amount of news fills the April edition of INSPIRES ONLINE – the online news letter sharing life across the SEC. News of the Celtic Bishops Gathering in Wales – (Bp

David was a part), plus information of our new Provincial Offices in Edinburgh, new Head of Safeguarding, new Dean in Glasgow & Galloway, a youth event in Kinlochleven and many other activities and appointments. Go to <https://mailchi.mp/scotland/inspires-online-for-april26> to read more.



## About the Celtic Bishops Conference

From the Anglican Communion News Service <https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2026/04/the-church-in-wales-hosts-the-celtic-bishops-conference-2026.aspx?>

Every two years, the Celtic Bishops Conference brings together bishops from the Celtic nations for worship, prayer and Bible study, fellowship and shared discussion and reflection. Rooted in the historic and cultural ties between the Celtic Churches, these meetings provide a space for the bishops to meet away from formal synodical structures and to engage with one another as fellow bishops. The three churches rotate the hosting of the meetings: 2026 is the Church in Wales's turn to host, with St Davids being chosen as the venue. It will be the turn of the Scottish Episcopal Church to host the next Celtic Bishops Conference.

Organisers say that 'the Celtic Bishops gathering is not a formal decision-making body' but rather offers the 'opportunity for honest conversation about theology, mission, ministry and the contemporary challenges facing the Churches within their distinct national and provincial contexts.... They seek to encourage collegiality and deepen a shared sense of vocation within the wider Anglican Communion, while respecting the particular history and character of each Church.'

### 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  
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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.