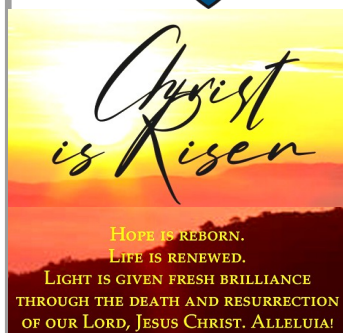




ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON

May 18th 2025 Easter 5



Every Sunday 10.15am
2nd & 4th Sundays 5pm
3rd Sunday 5.15pm
Wednesdays 11am
Thursdays 10am

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON

Cathedral Sung Eucharist
Fellowship @ 5 Informal worship in the Narthex
Cathedral Evensong
Shorter Cathedral Eucharist
Morning Prayer

Next: May 18th @ 11am Canon Tony Sparham
~ OPENFORALL: June 1st @ 3.30pm

SUNDAY MAY 18

10.15am

5th of EASTER

Cathedral Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop David

John Murphy will give a short summary at the start of our service, sharing all that he, with the Samaritan's Purse team, were able to help with when they set up a field hospital in Myanmar...

5.15pm

Evensong

@ St James' Ardbrecknish

11am

Eucharist led by Canon Tony Sparham

Mon—Thur inclusive—Margi with all the Diocesan Clergy, led by Bp David will be on Retreat/Study days in Rothesay.

Wed 21 11am

Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee led by Canon Ian

Thu 22 10am

No formal Morning Prayer

10.30-11.30

Coffee Morning in the Cathedral

7pm

Cathedral Choir practice

Sat 24 12-3.30pm

Diocesan Net-Zero Day in the Cathedral

See poster on page 3 for registration details

SUNDAY MAY 25

10.15am

6th of EASTER

Cathedral Sung Eucharist

5pm

Fellowship @ 5



THANK YOU to all who attended this Coffee Morning to raise funds for **Caritas Ukraine**, a charity set up by Roman Catholic

Bishops, that now works with those in need of humanitarian aid... with the displaced and those affected by the current war; helping with shelter, food, medical aid as well as infrastructure. It was wonderful to meet up with some of our friends from the Ukrainian community who now live and work here and around Oban.

We raised £256.00 and there are some cakes available to buy to supplement this total during coffee on Sunday 18th.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL



A CHILDREN'S CHARITY PROVIDING
PALLIATIVE CARE

Thank you to all who donated via the Cathedral to the Bishop's Lent Appeal. **A total of £478** will be forwarded to the Diocese to go to CHAS, this included donations of £31 from Gruline. We do not have details of the overall amount raised around the Diocese but will let you know!

DATES FOR THE DIARY MAY/JUNE

Wed 28 12.45pm Sitting with Silence *see page 2*
6.30pm Climate Café—Cathedral *see page 3*

Thu 29 6—6.30pm Ascension Evening Service

Sat 31 7.30pm Cathedral Concert Series—Sarah Small
Please see page 3

Sun Jun 1 10.15am Ascension Sunday
Final Sunday of Curacy for Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN...do join us at the Cathedral

Tue June 3 7pm Vestry Meeting in the Macfarlane Room

Thu 4th—7th Episcopal General Synod in Edinburgh

Sun 8th Pentecost Celebration

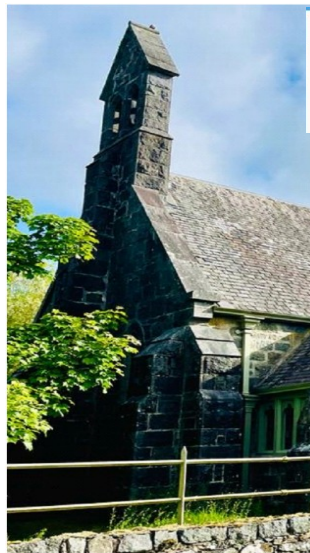


HOME COMMUNION

Please ring Provost Margi
on 01631 562323 Or email:

provostoban@argyll.anglican.org

If you have have, or would like to take communion at home because you are unable to be at services, please be in touch with Provost Margi to arrange a date.



St James, Ardbrecknish

The Scottish Episcopal Church by Loch Awe

Part of the worldwide Anglican Communion

Upcoming services in 2025

11:00 18th May - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

11:00 15th Jun - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

10:30 22nd Jun - Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN*

11:00 20th Jul - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

10:30 10th Aug - Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN*

11:00 17th Aug - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

11:00 21st Sep HARVEST - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

11:00 19th Oct - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

10:30 16th Nov - Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN*



Find us:
PA33 1BH



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

28 May 25 June 23 July

27 August 24 September 22 October

26 November 17 December.

A chance afterwards to eat lunches together in the Narthex

All are always welcome

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A proposed **DECLARATION OF FRIENDSHIP** between the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Conference of Bishops of the Catholic Church in Scotland will be put before General Synod in June this year.

The agreement, also to be known as the Saint Ninian Declaration, articulates and supports a deepening relationship between Episcopalians and Roman Catholics in Scotland. It affirms the possibilities for working more closely together while acknowledging that there are distinct differences between the two churches.

The Saint Ninian Declaration follows the Saint Andrew Declaration of 2021 between the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Church of Scotland, which outlined a series of acknowledgments and commitments between the churches intended to deepen their relationship, and looked at new ways of working together to serve the people of Scotland. The following year, the Conference of Bishops of the Catholic Church in Scotland agreed a declaration of friendship with the Church of Scotland, known as the Saint Margaret Declaration. The College of Bishops (and Dr Dee Bird, Secretary General) with the Conference of Bishops of the Catholic Church in Scotland, supplied courtesy of the Bishops' Conference. The Saint Ninian Declaration encourages joint worship and prayer, shared preparation for baptism and confirmation, common study of faith, co-operation in lay and ordained ministry, and shared witness to the world.

A draft of the Declaration has already gone before the Faith & Order Board, and after debate at that stage, a revised version was accepted by the Bishops' Conference at a recent meeting with the College of Bishops. This revised draft will be available as part of the papers for the General Synod 2025, which will be published soon.

The Inter-Church Relations Committee will present the Declaration on the second day of General Synod this year, with the College and the Faith and Order Board commending it to General Synod, to the SEC dioceses, and to local congregations.

READ THE PAPER HERE: <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/General-Synod-Papers-2025-Web-Version-.pdf>

THE BIG BEE EVENT – SEPTEMBER 2025

JOIN THE BUZZ AT 'THE BEAUTY OF BEES'

EXHIBITION AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

17TH – 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025

We're inviting artists, makers, and bee-lovers to be part of a unique community celebration of



'The Beauty of Bees'

a creative event exploring the magic, mystery, and importance of bees in our world.

This is a chance to reflect on the essential role bees play in nature, food, and culture — and to celebrate their beauty through art and creativity.

- **Live bee demonstrations** by local beekeepers
- **Art sales & displays** in a dramatic historic venue
- **A celebration of creativity, sustainability, and community. Interested in taking part?**

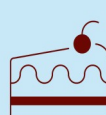


Email us at info.beautyofbees@gmail.com for



CLIMATE CAFE

Come along for coffee, cake and a chat about climate



*A safe space to share worries,
exchange thoughts and make
connections*

Meeting again on

**Wednesday
May 28th
6.30—8.30pm
in St John's
Cathedral**

All warmly welcome



DIOCESAN NET ZERO ROADSHOW
MAY 24th
ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL OBAN
12noon—3pm (LUNCH PROVIDED)

THE NET ZERO TEAM IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING THIS
NET ZERO ROADSHOW EVENT

....BRINGING CHARGES FROM ACROSS OUR DIOCESE TO SHARE STORIES ON
 HOW THEY ARE WORKING TOWARDS NET ZERO.

.....OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER,
 SHARING IDEAS AND CHALLENGES.

.....WELCOMING MANY ORGANISATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EVENT
 THROUGH WORKSHOPS AND STANDS, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL
 ORGANISATIONS, FUNDERS, INSTALLERS AND LOCAL PARTNERS.

.....PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR CHURCHES THAT ARE STILL TO COMPLETE
 THEIR ENERGY FOOTPRINT TOOL SUBMISSIONS FOR 2024



THE DAY WILL BE HELD WITHIN THE
 CONTEXT OF OUR FAITH AND MISSION
 TO CARE FOR THE WORLD THAT GOD
 HAS CREATED AND CALLS US TO SERVE.

Register at: [https://
 netzerochurch.scot/event/argyll-the-
 isles-net-zero-roadshow/](https://netzerochurch.scot/event/argyll-the-isles-net-zero-roadshow/)



The Net Zero Team is looking forward to hosting a Net Zero Roadshow Event at St John's Cathedral in Oban on the 24th of May (12pm to 3pm) and lunch will be provided.

This event will bring together charges from across our diocese to share stories on how they are working towards Net Zero. There will be opportunities for encouraging one another, sharing ideas and challenges.

We will be welcoming many organisations to contribute to the event through workshops and stands, including environmental organisations, funders, installers and local partners. The day will be held within the context of our faith and mission to care for the world that God has created and calls us to serve.

We will be providing support for churches that are still to complete their Energy Footprint Tool submissions for 2024. Currently, we only have a 7% return rate and we are hoping to improve upon this for the General Synod report in June.

We are additionally planning an online event later in the year for those who cannot make it to the St John's Event. This online event will focus on support for rural and island communities. We understand that traveling to Oban may be difficult, so we want to support churches in a manner that is accommodating for them.

You can find the sign-up link below for further information:
[Argyll & the Isles Net Zero Roadshow – Net Zero Portal](https://www.argyllandtheisles.netzeroportal.com/)

Iain Johnstone

Net Zero Sustainability Officer—Scottish Episcopal Church

Gifts from the Cathedral & Donations



Have you spotted the new Narthex arrangement for our gifts... pens/ keyrings / holding stones & crosses, together with cards and bookmarks... we hope everyone will enjoy

purchasing these and raising money for our upkeep...

& Information Hub

Information leaflets are here for groups around our area... and the boxes for recycling— paper/ batteries/ old phones/ stamps / ink cartridges (not all!) PLUS the HOPE KITCHEN COLLECTION POINT



Hope you find it helpful!



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, GEORGE ST, OBAN

Cathedral Concerts 2025 welcomes

Sarah Small

Viola da gamba pedalare

Good Again? A cycling concert tour

Saturday May 31st @ 7.30pm



Cycling between venues, viola da gamba player Sarah Small is taking a slower and greener route to reach audiences all over the UK. Disillusioned by the lack of support for sustainable touring within the arts, along with concerns about the impact and cost of audience travel from rural areas to venues in cities, she's taking matters into her own hands and cycling from venue to venue to share her programme Good Again? with audiences far and wide.

Centred around the title work *Good Again?* by Tobias Hume, this programme features Antoine Forqueray's *La Girouette* (the weather vane), Marin Marais' *Les Voix Humaines* (the human voice), and specially commissioned *Good Again?* by Lillie Harris, responding to the changing climate and posing the question of whether we can return to good, again.

<https://www.continuoconnect.com/features/sarah-small-viola-da-gamba-pedalare>

Also, further tour information on my website: <https://sarahsmallviol.crd.co/#goodagaintour>

Tickets available on the door @ St John's Cathedral

May 18th

EUCCHARIST READINGS

Acts 11:1-18

John 13:31-35

HYMNS

NEH 103 SP 303 SP 218 NEH 420 Communion SP 220

EVENSONG READINGS

Revelations 21:1-14 Luke 2:25-32, (33-38)

COLLECT

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.

Province— Primus Mark and all preparing for General Synod in June.

Diocese— Bishop David; Provost Margi; Tom: Curate (RN); Canon Ian: Priest (rtd); the people of St Kieran's, Campbeltown, St Columba's, Bridgend, Islay, and those on Jura

Anglican Communion— Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East: Presiding Bp Hosam Naoum.

Porvoo Communion— Guildford, England: Bp Andrew Watson; Viborg, Denmark: Bp Henrik Stubkjær

Oban Churches For our brothers and sisters in faith in Oban and outwith... for those praying for leadersfor those seeking growthfor projects being undertaken.....for a unity within our faith and fellowship to encourage each other. For Hope Kitchen, Green Shoots, Re_Store and all who work in the town to enhance lives

PRAYERS FOR PEACE FROM CAFOD

Watch over the people ofwho have been forced to flee their homes and face violence and fear.

Lord, send us the gift of peace

Lead them to a place of safety, comfort those who grieve and bring healing to those in pain.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

Convert the hearts of those who commit violence and wage war. Turn them from persecution to peace.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

Turn hatred to understanding, and anger to compassion. Through your love, transform horror into hope.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

And fill us all with your Spirit so that with one voice, throughout the world we may cry out:

Lord, send us the gift of peace



We appreciate all the donations that are made to HOPE KITCHEN so that we can keep supplying food parcels to those in our community who are struggling to feed themselves and their households.

We are really low on supplies of LONG LIFE MILK /

DILUTING JUICE/ TOILET ROLLS/ BOXES of MASHED POTA-

TO and we'd be really grateful for any donations—either at the café, Tesco, Lidl, Aldi—or in the CATHEDRAL BOX in the Narthex.... It is there at all times for donations.



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CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2025

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

Link for Finances—David Pollard

Secretary—Margaret Sime

4 CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

Stewardship/ Gift Aid—Susannah Hughes

Members: Mark Evetts, Jenny McEvoy, Joy Blakeney

ACTING ON BEHALF OF & REPORTING TO SYNOD

Safeguarding: Catriona Petit **Assisting:** Mel Crossley

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