



Cend Mile Fáilte ~ A Warm Welcome

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

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 HARVEST EUCHARIST OCTOBER 11 @ 11am Canon Tony Sparham
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON NOVEMBER 4 @ 3.30pm Canon Paul
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL Eucharist OCTOBER 18 @ 11am Revd Sandra Ward

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

10.15am	Sung Eucharist marking Prisoners Week Preacher: Rev'd Beki Wakeling (Prison Chaplain) <i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
2.30pm	OMS Concert (see below)
5pm	Fellowship @ 5 ~ The shoes of peace
Mon 12 1pm	Interring Ashes of Canon Ian Walter at Pennyfuir.
Wed 14 11am	Shorter Eucharist with coffee with Provost Margi
12.45	Provincial Youth Pilgrims in Cathedral with Margi
Thu 15 10am	Morning Prayer
10.30-11.30am	Coffee, Cake and Chat
7pm	Cathedral Choir practice

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

10.15am	Sung Eucharist: Provost Margi <i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
5.15pm	St Luke Evensong

DATES

Thu Oct 22 1.30pm	Trefoil Guild Service with tea
Fri 23rd Oct—Nov 28	Provost Margi on Short Sabbatical
Mon Nov 30 6pm	St Andrews Meal in Narthex (sign up sheet soon)
Sat Dec 5 tbc	Gallery Carols Workshop (sign up sheet soon)

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Fellowship @ 5



Put on the
The shoes of peace

Ephesians 6: 7-15

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

Faith Music Prayer Refreshments

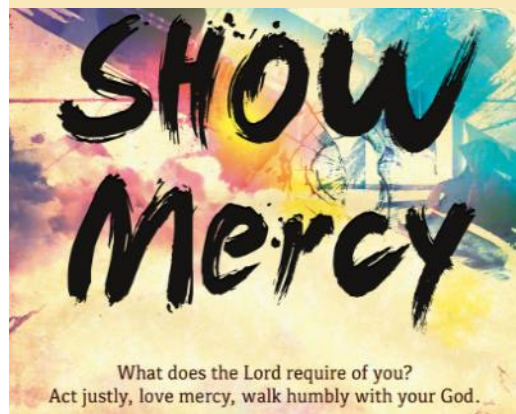
SHOE BOX APPEAL 2026



A simple shoebox packed with love and care can mean so much. Leaflets with labels and further information are ready to collect in the narthex.

Please BRING COMPLETED BOXES TO THE CATHEDRAL from October 4th until October 25th

Reflecting on Prisoners Week



OBAN MUSIC
@ ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
GEORGE STREET
WELCOMES

Gabriele Sutkutė
Piano

Music by:
J.P. Rameau C. Debussy F. Liszt
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**SUNDAY
OCT 11TH @ 2.30 PM**

Tickets £15 on the door (Card or cash)
No charge is made for children and young people attending our concerts

Refreshments during interval
<https://www.obanmusicsociety.com/concerts/>

Chamber Music Scotland

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RETREAT
NOURISHING OUR SOULS
AND HELPING
NATURE FLOURISH
Thank you so much to
those who have
volunteered—Ness has
your details and will be in
touch in a few weeks to
start this work and lay
out a plan for the coming
years.



Sharing FaithTelling our Stories

Two relaxed sessions with Emily to explore some of the ways we can tell our stories of faith more confidently and discover how God has moved in our lives.

Thursday Nov 12th — 12noon in the Cathedral—bring a packed lunch.

Thursday Nov 19th - 12noon in the Cathedral—bring a packed lunch.

Why is Jesus so important to me?

Why is Church important to me?

Where is God for me in the difficult times or the good?

How can God help you, the world?

Where is hope?

What questions do you want to talk about?

St John's Cathedral



Meeting again **Mondays @ 3pm**
Oct 19 and Nov 2/16/30

More details from
Ina (07854562210) or

Mal (07548366545) *All welcome*

Prayer...chat...study the Bible



During November there will be a board in the Narthex...where we can post moments when we have seen God at work... to encourage ourselves and others.

Seeing God at work...

Today (Sat 10th) was just such a story...as we welcomed a group of Episcopalian youth pilgrims on their way to a retreat on Iona... young people exploring faith, filled with God, looking for Jesus in a complex world...

We reflected on Columba being changed through his life into the person God used to tell the story

of faith on Iona and across Scotland, Ireland and beyond. We each reflected with a piece of sea glass. We have no idea what the shapes were once—but through the action of the sea, they are smoothed ... we prayed that we might be *Renewed, reshaped, revived*—so that we may be constantly touching heaven and by God's love, changing earth. We pray for these young people and their leaders this week, and the next group heading over on Wednesday... that they may discover more of God's story and share it with friends and family.

Please do not use names on the board without permission!



PRAYER AND SERVICE RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

EUCCHARIST READINGS

Micah 6: 6-8 Matthew 5:1-13

HYMNS

SP 276 Great is thy faithfulness

SP 246 Jesus Christ is waiting

SP 316 There's a wideness in God's mercy

SP 283 I will sing the wondrous story

Communion: SP 45 Here is love

COLLECT for Prisoners Sunday

O Lord, you invite us to follow Jesus in word and deed, help us, by your grace, to extend a welcome to everyone in our community, and to stand with those who face injustice. Give us the courage to respond with mercy so that all may know they are seen and loved; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

COLLECT for the WEEK

O Lord, since without you we cannot please you: let the work of your mercy in all things guide our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

PRISONERS WEEK Nov 15-22nd

We reflect with Revd Beki Wakeling this week on her role and why we need to Show Mercy

Life can be hard. Sometimes it can be cruel.

We all carry struggles that other people never see.

We all make mistakes. Sometimes we make choices that leave us feeling trapped, isolated or unsure how to move forward.

At times like these, we need people to give us a break. To show kindness. To try to understand.

To lend a hand. We need mercy.

We all know what it feels like to need mercy.

But how good are we at showing it to others?

The theme for Prisoners Week 2026 is simple:

Show Mercy.

It is a challenge to look beyond the label, the mistake, the past or the circumstances, and see the person in front of us. A fellow human being, just like us, who is trying to find their way through life and who, sometimes, simply needs a break.

Mercy does not ignore harm or pretend that wrongdoing does not matter. But it chooses to see the person, not just what they have done.

Mercy can look like kindness, forgiveness and understanding. A second chance. Practical help.

Sometimes, it is simply choosing not to write someone off.

For people in prison, their families, victims of crime, prison staff, chaplains and communities across Scotland, mercy can make a real difference.

This Prisoners Week, who will we show mercy to?



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. St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane: Bp Ian Paton as he retires, for his support of this Diocese in vacancies.

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. For our mission across the Diocese—for Canon Paul—Diocesan Missioner, for all our Diocesan Officers and our Office staff

Anglican Communion: Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; The Anglican Church of Burundi

Porvoo Ch of England: Diocese of Truro, Bp David Williams, Bp Hugh Nelson Church of Norway: Diocese of Tönsberg, Bp Jan Otto Myrseth Church of Sweden: Diocese of Strängnäs, Bp Johan Dalman

World and local community

We pray for wise governance here and around the world, integrity and honesty, care and respect for all people.....

We pray for all who are fearful of threats to our future and stresses in our present...that we may know peace & hope in God

We pray for all who are unwell: for those we know awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatment... for healing and restoration

We pray for those who have lost hope in life and feel troubled or distressed...for trust in God to strengthen and calm our souls...

We pray with all who mourn, that they may know comfort and hope: and we pray that all who have passed into your eternal Kingdom may rest in peace and rise in glory.

DAILY REFLECTING using the Pilgrim Prayer Card

A step by step way to end the day...take as much time as you need.

Presence: Become aware of God's loving presence with you

Gratitude: Review the day and give thanks for specific gifts, big or small.

Review: Walk through the day and pay attention to emotions, highs and lows...

Forgiveness: Acknowledge moments where you went wrong and seek God's forgiveness.

Renewal: look to tomorrow and pledge to walk closer with God.

CATHEDRAL LIFE



Trefoil Guild

Thursday October 22nd
1.30pm
Short Service and Tea
Rededicating the Banner
All welcome

We warmly welcome our local Trefoil Guild, an association that supports the work of Guiding, set up in the 1920's for ex Guides to meet, becoming named the Trefoil Guild in 1943.

Scotland covers a large area geographically with beautiful scenery from mountain to sea. At present there are 88 guilds including a lones guild and we have around 1400 members. These guilds range in size from small to large and can be found in small rural areas, large cities and everywhere in between. Members meet to have fun, learn new skills, make friends and support Guiding and their local communities.

Come along at 1.30pm to learn more, as we have a short service to mark the return of the Argyll Trefoil Banner, first dedicated on September 8th 1990 in St John's and now to hang again in our Cathedral... and then tea.

We hope this will be the start of an annual service and gathering for tea and conversation.

ORGAN APPEAL FUNDRAISING

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ORGAN FUND-APPEAL
THE LAST £10,000

INCREDIBLE TOTAL...

Adding together all the recitals and events over 12 months of fundraising—with some incredible support and remarkable donations (many anonymous) we have reached the spectacular total of —**£54,762.62**

We have a concert (details to come) and Canon Ian's 2027 calendar which he prepared before he died...plus Christmas cards, Recipe Books and Cathedral garments etc...we hope to top the mark before Christmas! **Thank you so much to all who have contributed in any way!**

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Ordered through Ness Anderson

Tee's £20

Polo shirts £20

Sweatshirt £28

Fleeces £30



CONTACTS AND CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

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 enable our ministry

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Acc: 00178722 St John's Cathedral Oban

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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>

STEWARDSHIP /GIFT AID contact Susannah Hughes
Via website contact page

The Cathedral can now take **CARD PAYMENTS**

Our Card Reader can take Weekly collection, donations or donate to Coffee by card. Please do give it a go! It will be available on arrival and at coffee.

CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION

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For information of services and church life at ST COLUMBA'S,
GRULINE—please see our webpage....

<http://www.grulinechurch.org.uk/services.html>

For information of services and church life at ST JAMES

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