



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 ARDBRECKKNISH Eucharist
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL

SEPTEMBER 13 @11am Canon Tony Sparham
OCTOBER 4 @ 3.30pm Provost Margi
SEPTEMBER 13 @ 11am Canon John Holmes

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAKING THROUGH CREATION

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 Creation Season 2

10.15am Sung Eucharist with Provost Margi
Celebrant and Preacher : Canon Paul
Children's activities / refreshments

3.30pm Fellowship @ 5 'The Armour of God'

Wed 16 11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee with Provost Margi
St Ninian

Thu 17 10am Morning Prayer
10.30-12noon Coffee Morning
7pm Cathedral Choir practice

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20 Creation Season 3

10.15am Sung Eucharist with Provost Margi
Children's activities / refreshments

5.15pm Evensong

DATES

Sun Oct 4th 10.15am Harvest Festival—gifts to Hope
Sun Oct 11th 10.15am Prisons Sunday with The Rev'd Beki Wakeling
Mon Oct 12th 1pm Interring Ashes of Canon Ian Walter
at Pennyfuir. All are welcome.
Thu Oct 22nd 1.30pm Trefoil Service with tea



In this Season of Creation until October 4th, the Feast of St Francis and our Harvest Festival, we explore how we can listen better to God's voice in how we care for creation

amidst the complexities and challenges of the world. How can the Cathedral, how can we in our daily lives, tell of the difference faith makes to our care for the world of which we are a part.

DAILY REFLECTING

using the Pilgrim Prayer Card

Giving thanks for creation, focusing on all that is around us...all that we have encountered in the day

Reflecting on how God's light shines through creation—where we have seen God at work in creation today

Pausing to think how we might have impeded God's creative work and where we can enhance it—

What can we do tomorrow to celebrate and nurture creation.

GOING DEEPER IN FAITH

Soul Keeping

led by Canon Paul

Two sessions to explore some of the ways we can nurture a greater health and closeness to God in our inner lives. We do not drift into this but can take small steps that will make all the difference in our Pilgrim Journey.

Day: in the Cathedral Narthex

Thurs Sept 24th 12noon Bring a packed lunch

Thurs Oct 8th 12noon Bring a packed lunch

Or evening @ 7 Balnakeil, Dunbeg PA37 1PP

Tues Oct 6th @ 7pm and Tues Oct 27th @ 7pm



St John's Cathedral

Women's Group

Meeting again **Monday September 21st @ 3pm**

Women in the Bible

What can we learn from Jezebel?

More details from Ina (07854562210) or Mal (07548366545)

All welcome

MEN'S
LUNCH

**Wednesday
October 7th
@ 12.45pm at
Wetherspoons
for
Chat
Ciabattas &
Company...**

Come and enjoy and bring a pal too if you want.

Contact Paul Watson: 07943026773
if you need more info
.....otherwise just turn up!

Now on 1st Wed of every month

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Dads &
Toddlers

anyone
can be
cool, but
awesome
takes
practice.

NEXT Oct 10th

Bairns...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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ORGAN APPEAL FUNDRAISING

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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!**



UNIQUE CATHEDRAL LOGO

T-shirts.... Polos...sweatshirts...
micro-fleece

Ordered through Ness Anderson

Tee's £20

Polo shirts £20

Sweatshirt £28

Fleeces £30



St John's Cathedral

Coffee
Morning



Every Thursday

10.30am ~ 11.30am

Time to chat....

Everyone Welcome

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TO CONTINUE WE NEED HELP!

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER ONE THURSDAY A MONTH OR EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS to help this amazing opportunity we have, to offer a **place to meet for locals and visitors** throughout the year. It is so important to our **fellowship**, a **missional** opportunity, and also **raises around £1500** each year for our funds. Chat to Margi for what's needed...or sign up in the Narthex!



An Cuilidh Cathair-eaglaise

THE CATHEDRAL RETREAT

NOURISHING OUR SOULS AND HELPING NATURE FLOURISH

Apologies that we could not meet last week but...we are now looking to get the area cut back in early October ready to set bulbs etc and plan the layout to work on over the winter. We are looking for funds to assist this. 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.

EUCCHARIST READINGS

Readings: Romans 14: 1-12
Matthew 18: 21– 35

Hymns SP 119 Awake, awake
SP 174 Bring to God
SP 309 Sing of the Lord's goodness
NEH 436 Praise my soul

Communion: NEH 294 Just as I am

Collect

God the Creator, in Christ you call all people to the fullness of glory for which you created us in your image: heal our hardened hearts, renew our obedience to your will, and conform our lives to your gracious design, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



REFLECTION from
the **WORLD COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES 2026**
Season of Creation
Living Water
Ezekiel 47.

We are surrounded by water," said Rev James Bhagwan, general secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches, "but something within humanity has become dry". Bhagwan preached on John 7, where Jesus stands in a crowded festival and speaks about thirst. The Pacific, he said, is "a sea of islands that connect by the great ocean" – its rivers carry plastic, its communities face saltwater intrusion, drought, and unsafe water. The ocean that sustains Pacific life "is being treated as a dumping ground, a highway for militarization and a resource to be exploited."

"Jesus does not offer bottled water. He offers relationship." The ecological crisis, he argued, is not only a crisis around us but a spiritual crisis within us, and the season begins "not with our activity, but with Christ's invitation." He (Bhagwan) will spend part of it on a paddle-board, circling Viti Levu, collecting plastic. They prayed for reefs bleached by warming seas, for whales navigating nylon, for rivers dammed without the consent of those who live beside them, for sacred waters engineered away to supply distant cities and data centres. Writing on 26 August, WCC general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Jerry Pillay said churches are "called to become part of the river's healing, not to stand at the bank and watch."

With water all around us, let us pray for an awakening of conscience, prayer and action to health to the living water of faith and the earth. What will we do?

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. Bishop Andrew ~ Diocese of Brechin

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. The Chapel of St Columba in Bishop's House on Iona—Revd Joyce Watson. The Iona Community and all who minister, worship, and work at the Abbey.

Anglican Communion: Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Porvoo Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Ribe, Bp Elof Westergaard. Church of England: Diocese of Bath and Wells, Bp Michael Beasley, Bp Ruth Worsley

World and local community

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza and across the Middle East: all places where violence and pain disrupt and destroy lives. We remember all still affected by 9/11—those who lost loved ones, those suffering illnesses caused by the contamination. We pray for peace in hearts and minds, between peoples and faiths and for all who selflessly set out to help others in need: or all emergency services on land, sea and air...

We pray for those affected by Ebola, those helping and those researching effective vaccines. We pray for all affected by the floods in Nepal, Tibet and the Himalayan Border regions, for comfort and strength, for aid and assistance worldwide.

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 unwell, troubled or distressed: for those we know awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatment...those cared for by others—for Janet and her family...and those who struggle alone. May God's healing presence uphold and protect them and bring them to new life.

We pray for those who have lost hope in life and feel troubled or distressed...for those around them who long to return them to joy, that through you, they may be restored. for those nearing the end of life to know your strength and assurance.

We pray with all who mourn, that they may know comfort and hope: and giving thanks for the lives of those we see no longer but now rejoice in God's heavenly Kingdom, we pray that all who have passed into your eternal Kingdom may rest in peace and rise in glory.

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2026

A simple shoebox packed with love and care can mean so much.

A shoebox filled with simple, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, clothing, sweets and a small gift can bring joy to someone who may have very little. It is about more than the things inside. **Each box is personal. Each one is an expression of care and lets someone know they have not been forgotten.** Since our first Shoe Box Appeal in 1993, we have delivered more than 2.9 million shoeboxes – each is different, personal, an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need. The individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in churches, schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low-income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine. This Christmas, your shoebox could help us reach even more people. Shoeboxes are delivered through our trusted partners to people in **Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.**

Once checked, Blythswood adds a **Bible storybook for children, a story of a life transformed by Jesus for teenagers or a calendar with Bible verses for adults.**

If you are not able to fill a shoebox yourself, you can still remember others by gifting two shoeboxes for £28, [click here](#) to find out how.

Leaflets with labels and further information are ready to collect in the narthex.

Please start filling your box now and bring to the Cathedral from October 4th until October 25th



Food Parcel Service

Mon, Weds, Fri, Sat 11am-1.30pm

Hope Kitchen offers a food parcel service for anyone experiencing financial difficulties or struggling to access groceries.

- Our service is there to provide a bag of non-perishable groceries to sustain you for 3-4 days at a time, as well as being able to sign-post to further support.
- People can refer themselves, for up to 3 times a year. But we can also support people on an ongoing basis with a referral from another local organisation.
- Food parcels can be collected Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 11am-1.30pm, from Hope Kitchen



Hope Kitchen
2 Soroba Rd,
Oban
PA34 4HU

01631 565730
info@hopekitchen.org.uk
Charity No: SC041770

Thanks to a wonderful volunteer offering to take our contributions to Hope Kitchen, we invite you to help those in need in our community by bringing non-perishables to the Narthex to be used in the food parcels. Please make sure all gifts are in good date.

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 safeguard our present & future

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 Acc: 00178722 St John's Cathedral Oban

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For BACS gifts please enter name or 'anonymous donation' to help with book-keeping.

STEWARDSHIP /GIFT AID contact Susannah Hughes
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CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION

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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?](https://www.cafonline.org/system/donate?dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac)
[dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac](https://www.cafonline.org/system/donate?dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac)

The Cathedral can now take CARD PAYMENTS

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.