



Cend Mile Fàilte ~ 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 Eucharist	SEPTEMBER 27 @11am	Bishop David Railton
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON	OCTOBER 4 @ 3.30pm	Provost Margi
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL Service of the Word	OCTOBER 4 @ 11am	Ian Sandell

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 Creation Season 4

10.15am Sung Eucharist with Provost Margi

Children's activities / refreshments

5pm Fellowship @ 5

Wed 30 11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee with Provost Margi

Thu Oct 1 10am Morning Prayer

10.30-12noon Coffee Morning

7pm Cathedral Choir practice

Sat Oct 3 10.30-12noon Help decorate for Harvest—bring autumnal flowers etc

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 HARVEST CELEBRATION (CLOCKS CHANGE)

10.15am Sung Harvest Eucharist: Provost Margi

Children's activities / refreshments

Harvest Gifts to Hope ~ please see page 2 for list

3.30pm Kilbrandon Eucharist

DATES

Wed Oct 7	7pm	Cathedral Vestry—Macfarlane Room
Sat Oct 10	9.30am	Dad's & Toddlers (see p2)
	10.30am	Provincial Youth Pilgrims in Cathedral with Margi
Sun Oct 11	10.15am	Sung Eucharist marking Prisons Sunday
		Preacher: The Rev'd Beki Wakeling (Prison Chaplain)
	2.30pm	OMS Concert (see p4)
Mon Oct 12	1pm	Interring Ashes of Canon Ian Walter at Pennyfuir.
Wed 14	12.45	Provincial Youth Pilgrims in Cathedral with Margi
Thu Oct 22	1.30pm	Trefoil Guild Service with tea
Fri 23rd—Nov 28		Provost Margi on Short Sabbatical
Mon Nov 30	6pm	St Andrews Meal in Narthex (sign up sheet soon)

Matthew 21: 23-32



Which of the two sons
did the will of his father?
Do we?

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Fellowship @ 5



Put on the
**The Breastplate of
Righteousness**

Ephesians 6: 7-15

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

Faith Music Prayer Refreshments

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

2nd—Thurs Oct 8th 12noon Bring a packed lunch

Or evening @ 7 Balnakeil, Dunbeg PA37 1PP

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

The best place to start
doing life with God
is in small
moments.

John Ortberg



ORGAN APPEAL FUNDRAISING



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 Fleece £30



**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



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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CATHEDRAL LIFE



Every Thursday

!0.30am –11.30am

Time to chat....

Everyone Welcome



Harvest Festival

St John's Cathedral

October 4

St James Ardbrecknish

October 11

hopekitchen.org.uk

Charity Number SC041770



Sharing Faith - Telling our Stories— Save the dates....

Two relaxed sessions 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 November 19th - 12noon in the Cathedral—bring a packed lunch.



An Cuiladh Cathair-eaglaise THE CATHEDRAL 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.

EUCCHARIST READINGS

Philippians 2: 1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32

HYMNS

SP 313 The Lord is King
NEH 338 At the name of Jesus
SP 175 Here in this place
SP 156 Go to the world
Communion: NEH 337 As pants the hart

COLLECT

God of our salvation, be with us when we call upon you, and bless us with your steadfast loving kindness: restore in us the beauty of your creation and keep intact the gifts you have restored, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

REFLECTION Season of Creation

A reflection from the Revd Dave Bookless—Southall, London.

This was written following 3 successive heatwaves which left many with hosepipe bans. A burst water main then left the area collecting water from standpipes. Schools closed as toilets could not flush. We could not wash our dishes and there was panic buying of bottled water. Life-giving, life-sustaining water, which in developed urban contexts we often take for granted, was suddenly a precious commodity, to be treasured and conserved. I reflected on how, for millions of people worldwide, the brief scarcity I experienced is a daily reality, every month of every year. I am also conscious that wildlife, trees and the soil that grows good food suffers without life-giving water. Back to Ezekiel 47; remember these words about abundant life-giving water were written whilst God's people were in exile in a strange desert land. There was no Temple and it must have felt as if God's promises and presence had dried up completely. Yet, in that context, God spoke through the eccentric prophet Ezekiel, with a vision that looked back to Eden and forward in hope to new creation. The heart of the vision was of new life flowing from the place where the community habitually worshipped God, the Temple. Yet, the new life wasn't just about restoring the old system of sacrifices and religious observance. It was a transforming ever-renewing river flowing out into the world bringing social, political, spiritual and ecological transformation. Water is a gift we must not take for granted. It meets our basic physical needs and allows biodiversity to thrive. We are, after all, made mainly of water! But water goes much deeper. It has deep emotional resonance and spiritual symbolism. It speaks of God's life-giving, abundant generosity and our complete dependence. **I am learning increasingly to be thankful to God for water each day, to value, conserve and celebrate it, and to try and enter the river of life and participate in God's life-giving work in the world.**



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. Glasgow & Galloway—Bp Nick Bundock

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. Episcopalians on Barra, Harris, the Uists & across the Outer Hebrides

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

Porvoo Church in Wales: Diocese of Swansea & Brecon, Bp John Lomas
Ch of England: Diocese of Leicester, Bp Martyn Snow, Bp Saju Mathalaly

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

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.

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

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

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.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL VESTRY

MAJOR FABRIC POINTS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Narthex Accessible Toilet and Macfarlane Room Toilet

The full Canon 35 is being applied for, following notification of the intention in the Narthex for the last 2 months.

A fully accessible toilet will be installed on the current toilet site with a new entrance access taken through the Narthex wall where hymnbooks are currently stored. This allows us to be fully welcoming to all and brings us in line with the Equality Act 2010/ 2024. Please ask Vestry members for full details.

Heating. We will be removing (hopefully selling) all of the defunct radiators except the 2 at the back of the nave.

Sound System Assessment

Following an assessment from Audio Consultant, our Sound System has been found to be failing, irreparably through age, and is unsupportive of technological advances in hearing aids/ loop systems. We will be raising an application at our next meeting in October, to install a new system prior to Christmas, using current cable paths but with new speakers and system. We will be opening an Appeal for anyone who might like to contribute to the cost of this.

Our **new Fire Alarm System** has been serviced and is regularly monitored.

Thank you to all on the vestry and all who work constantly to keep our Cathedral functioning.



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. Some empty shoeboxes available...

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

OBAN MUSIC CONCERTS 2026

IN ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

@ 2.30 PM COST £15

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

Gabrielė Sutkutė piano

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

Emma Abate and Michał Ćwizewicz
violin and piano

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

Tom Hicks piano

www.obanmusicsociety.com/contact-us/
LEAFLETS WITH DETAILS IN CATHEDRAL



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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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=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfb8cf5ac>

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

CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN

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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

ARDBRECKNISH —

<https://orchyandawe.co.uk/st-james-church-ardbrecknish-pa33>