



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

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON

ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL

SEPTEMBER 13 @ 11am Canon Tony Sparham

SEPTEMBER 6 @ 3.30pm Provost Margi

SEPTEMBER 6 @ 11am Dr Mary Embleton
Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6 CREATION IN CHRIST

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAKING THROUGH CREATION

10.15am	Sung Eucharist with Provost Margi
	<i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
12.30pm	An Cuilidh Cathair-eaglaise
	<i>Cathedral Garden Meeting in situ</i>
3.30pm	Eucharist at Kilbrandon
Mon 7	3pm Womens Group (see poster below for details)
Tues 8	7pm Cathedral Vestry
Wed 9	11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee — Canon Paul
Thu 10	10am Morning Prayer
	10.30-12noon Coffee Morning
	2pm Oban Church Leaders meet in Narthex
	7pm Cathedral Choir practice
Sat 12	9.30- 11.30am Dads & Tods in the Cathedral Hall

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 Creation Season 2

10.15am	Sung Eucharist ~ Canon Paul with Provost Margi
	<i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
3.30pm	Fellowship @ 5

DATES

Sun Oct 4th	10.15am	Harvest Festival—gifts to Hope
Sun Oct 11th	10.15am	Prisons Sunday
		Preacher: The Rev'd Beki Wakeling (Cansdale)
Mon Oct 12th	1pm	Interring Ashes of Canon Ian Walter at Pennyfuir. All are welcome.



AS WE ENTER THE
SEASON OF CREATION,
from the Feast of Creation in
Christ on the first Sunday in
September 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 FOCUS on Christ in
Creation** using the Pilgrim Prayer Card

Giving thanks for creation, focusing on all that
is around us....**walking through** all that we
have encountered in the day in people, places,
Praying for God's light to shine through
creation—where we have seen God at work in
creation today, how we can shine God's light
Pausing to think how we might have
impeded God's creative work and where we
can enhance it—what worries us about creation,
weighs us down...what brings us joy and peace.
What can we do tomorrow to celebrate and
nurture creation.

St John's Cathedral



Meeting again Monday
September 7th @ 3pm
THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD
in Mark 5:25-34, Luke 8: 43-48.
More details from
Ina (07854562210) or
Mal (07548366545)

All welcome

ORGAN & RECORDER RECITAL

£15

Due to sudden illness, the concert on
September 11th has been **CANCELLED**.
We hope to reschedule in due course and
send our good wishes and prayers.



St John's Cathedral
Coffee Morning
Every Thursday
10.30am ~ 11.30am
Time to chat....
Everyone Welcome
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ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN SC016664
Fellowship @ 5
All warmly welcome for relaxed contemporary worship and discussions on faith ~ with food
Every 2nd & 4th Sundays
5pm
St John's, Narthex, George Street
Inclusive Open Informal

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
Dads & Toddlers
anyone can be cool, but awesome takes practice.
NEXT Sept 12th
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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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 details of what is needed...or sign up in the Narthex

ORGAN APPEAL FUNDRAISING

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN
ORGAN FUND APPEAL
THE LAST £10,000
INCREDIBLE TOTAL...

Adding together all the recent recitals, including the wonderful D'Cruz Trio yesterday, our total has reached **£53,228.65 leaving just £2,272 to go!**

The Trio gave a brilliant recital of piano duets and piano with clarinet to an enthusiastic audience....raising £205 for the organ Appeal—alongside the same amount each for Friends of Kilbride Church www.friendsofkilbride.scot/ and Betty's Button...<https://beckysbutton.org/> the latter being a wonderful organisation providing free safety alarms and violence prevention programmes in communities most in need.

It is so good to reach out beyond ourselves in raising money.

EXCLUSIVE CATHEDRAL HONEY

NORMAN'S HIVE, ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL GARDEN

LIMITED FIRST EVER SUPPLY— 1 jar left!!

£8.50 per jar from the Cathedral—for Organ Appeal
We are delighted that this hive helps with pollination in the town and is a step forward in our ecodiversity.



UNIQUE CATHEDRAL LOGO

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

Ordered through Ness Anderson
Tee's £20 Polo shirts £20
Sweatshirt £28 Fleece £30



An Cuilidh
Cathair-eaglaise

THE CATHEDRAL RETREAT

Nourishing our souls
and helping nature flourish

NEXT STEP

Following the installation of our apiary, and sampling of the first ever honey from the centre of Oban....now we are meeting to plan the rest of the garden...

the clearing, planting, devising prayer stations along paths, and hopefully encouraging nature to thrive.

Our intention is to create a unique quiet place in the town for outdoor prayers and reflection on God's incredible creation which supports and encourages bio-diversity.

To do this we need to develop a **safe area to walk, sit and reflect on nature** and our surroundings; and **pray using the prayer journey slate prompts.**

We will also **restore the terraced beds for flowers and greenery for the Cathedral.**

Ness Anderson is wonderfully heading up the practical aspects of clearing and planting the garden but it cannot happen without some willing helpers to assist.

If you are interested in being a part of this project, for planting and maintenance please do speak to Ness or Provost Margi and please pray that we can reach out share this way of deepening faith and touching God.

FIRST MEETING in SITU for all interested....

Sunday September 6th at 12.30pm

Cathedral Retreat Garden—Ardconnell Terrace
parking limited on road and access only via steps.

EUCCHARIST READINGS

Readings: Romans 13: 8-14

Matthew 18: 15-20

Hymns

SP 247 Let all creation

SP 248 Lord of all

SP 239 Creator God

SP 303 Praise the Lord

Communion: SP 81 Word that formed

Collect

Holy God,
Creator of the world and fount of all life,
you never abandon the creatures
formed by your wisdom:
remain with us always, we pray,
working for our good,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LISTENING TO GOD



**An introduction to
Creation in Christ/ the
Season of Creation 2026
from the World
Council of Churches.**

This year's theme,
"Living Water," comes
from Ezekiel 47:9 and

12—a biblical vision of hope and
ecological restoration.

In Ezekiel 47, water flows from God's
sanctuary, healing and renewing land, waters,
and human responsibility toward creation.
The prophet's vision unfolds amid exile and
loss. Water flows from the temple—at first a
tiny stream that deepens, bringing life to dead
areas and restoring ecosystems. To receive this
new life, we must step into the waters
ourselves—becoming part of God's river,
joining creation's healing.

Ezekiel's message emerged during Babylonian
exile after Jerusalem's destruction. Yet his
prophecy doesn't end in judgment. The river
in Ezekiel 47 shows renewal: when the Lord
dwells with his people, the land restores itself.
This restoration extends beyond human
salvation—it heals land, water, and
ecosystems. The trees' leaves bring "healing,"
providing both sustenance and flourishing for
humanity and creation alike. Ezekiel 47 carries
distinct environmental meaning: global
restoration of life, ecological healing, the
interdependence of humanity and the natural
world. It brings hope for both humanity and
creation. **WE PRAY FOR HOPE TO SPREAD
IN US AND THROUGH US.**

**Next week: Rivers of plastic... The Pacific
Council of Churches**

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 Ian as he nears retirement and the
Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane.

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.

Episcopal presence on the Isles of Coll, Colonsay, Tiree, Muck,
Eigg and Rum

Anglican Communion: Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp
Michael Hafidh; The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Porvoo Church of England: Diocese of Salisbury, Bp Stephen
Lake, Bp Andrew Rumsey, Bp Karen Gorham
Church in Wales: Diocese of St Asaph, Bp Gregory Cameron

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 pray for peace across the world, in homes and
hearts, that negotiators will find the pathway to new of trust and
long lasting reconciliation.

We pray for all affected by the floods in Nepal, Tibet and Border
regions with China, for comfort and strength, for aid and
assistance worldwide.

We pray for those affected by the Ebola outbreak and for those
seeking to bring help and create effective vaccines.

We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed: for those we
know awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatment...those cared for by
others—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 to people in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. Please take a leaflet from the Cathedral which contains all the details plus a label for your shoebox. If are not able to fill a shoebox yourself, you can still gift two shoeboxes for £28, [click here](#) to find out how.

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

A message from Fred—one of our Wednesday congregation who has had to move away We will miss him!

Thank you (from dad) for the lovely card – he was very touched. He misses Oban and Benderloch and, of course, his home, but has started to settle in at Manor Grange. Father Dean from Murrayfield Episcopal church has been very kind. He went in to give him communion last week, which dad really appreciated, and will see him monthly from now on. He also has a friend who used to be an RAF chaplain and he will also visit him for a chat.

Visits or Home Communion

Canon Paul, as Cathedral Priest Pastor, is happy to visit and/or bring Home Communion if you are unable to come to the Cathedral through illness. Please do be in touch with him if this would be helpful. Contact details in the box below.



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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STEWARDSHIP /GIFT AID contact Susannah Hughes
Via website contact page

CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION

CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN

The Very Rev'd Canon Margi Campbell *Non work day Friday*
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Cathedral Priest Pastor and Diocesan Canon Missioner The Rev'd Canon Paul Watson

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07943026773 *limited hours at Cathedral*
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Assisting Priest: (NSM)The Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chapn RN (Active)

Cathedral Director of Music: James Campbell contact via
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CATHEDRAL WEBSITE stjohnsoban.org.uk/

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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.