

February 15th ~ Last before Lent

Every Sunday	10.15am	Cathedral Sung Eucharist
2nd & 4th Sundays	5pm	Fellowship@5 Informal worship in the Narthex
3rd Sunday	5.15pm	Cathedral Evensong
Wednesdays	11am	Shorter Cathedral Eucharist
Thursdays	10am	Morning Prayer
ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH		Easter Day: 11am with Bishop David
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON		March 1 @ 3.30pm with Canon Paul

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15 LAST BEFORE LENT

10.15am Sung Eucharist followed by coffee
5.15pm Evensong led by Canon Paul

ASH WEDNESDAY

Feb 18th 11am Shorter Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Celebrant: Bishop David followed by coffee

7pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes: Provost Margi

Thu 19 10am Morning Prayer

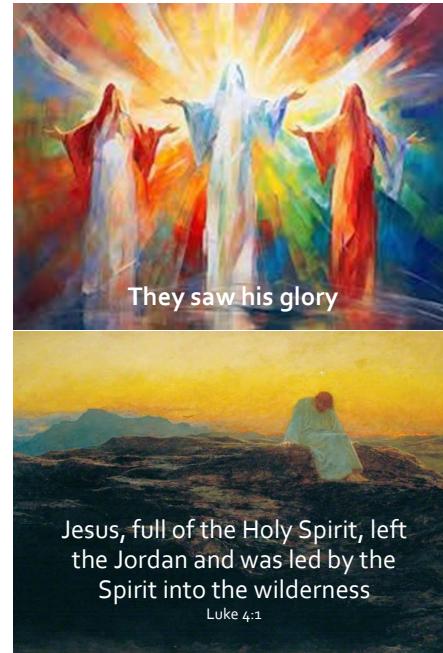
10.30-11.30 Coffee Morning

2pm Lent Group in the Narthex—see details below

7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 LENT 1

10.15am Sung Eucharist: Celebrant and preacher ~ Bishop David
Assisting: Provost Margi
5pm Fellowship @ 5—all welcome to this informal worship

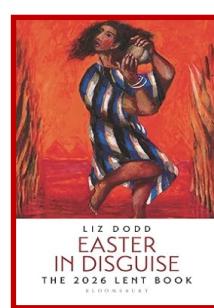


WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS that Emily D'Silva has been accepted for training for Ordination within the Scottish Episcopal Church, and will begin her studies in the Autumn. We pray for her now as she prepares for this step on her pilgrimage of faith and will share more news on how we can support her over her training. **God's blessings be with her.**



The season of Lent lasts for forty days, not including Sundays, when Christians reflect and prepare for the death and resurrection of Christ. Some fast or give up treats following the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the wilderness. Others take on acts to help others in order to focus on following Christ's example of care and compassion. Others set aside time to study the Bible or a Lent book to strengthen and deepen their faith. It is a time to mark differently, think differently and discover again how our faith affects our lives and the changes it could offer to others.

How will *you* mark Lent this year?



CATHEDRAL LENT BOOK
Opportunities to read and discuss EASTER in DISGUISE by Liz Dodd **EACH THURSDAY** FROM FEB 19TH AT 2PM IN THE NARTHEX led by Margi/ Paul

3 TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM
on February 24th, March 10th, March 24th at 7 Balnakeil, Kirk Rd, Dunbeg, PA37 1PP hosted by Paul and Ina

All are welcome

From Church House Bookshop <https://chbookshop.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9781399419772/easter-in-disguise> @ £8.79 + Postage or Kindle edition from Amazon @ £5.79 https://www.amazon.co.uk/Easter-Disguise-2026-Bloomsbury-Lent-ebook/dp/B0F6C4RGYT/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0

POUNDER POINT EACH WEEK

DIOCESAN ONLINE LENT PILGRIMAGE

During Lent the Church has always understood itself as on the way. Lent is not simply about giving things up; it is about learning again how to walk — with God, with one another, and sometimes with ourselves. This course is an invitation to let that vision sink deeper, as a spiritual reality. Before pilgrimage becomes something we organise, it must become something we inhabit.

Bishop David and the Canon Missioner will be co-leading three online sessions during Lent on **Thursday evenings from 7-8pm: February 26th, March 12th and 26th**.

There will be some input and then time in groups and a coming together at the end. This follows on from the course on Faith in the Second Half of Life and follows a similar format.

Two books will be informing this input, but are not necessary for you to purchase. The first is *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen [The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming: Amazon.co.uk: Henri J.M. Nouwen: 9780232520781: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Return-Prodigal-Son-Story-Homecoming/dp/9780232520781) or second hand at [The Return of the Prodigal Son \(New\) | Henri J. M. Nouwen | 9780232520781 | Awesome Books](https://www.awesombooks.co.uk/Book/The-Return-of-the-Prodigal-Son-New-Henri-J-M-Nouwen-9780232520781) This is a series of reflections on the famous Rembrandt painting.

The second book is *Life, Loss and Learning to be a Pilgrim* by Jill Baker which can be bought from Sacristy Press here [Jill Baker](https://www.sacristypress.com/jill-baker-life-loss-and-learning-to-be-a-pilgrim). This book is a profound meditation on pilgrimage in the bible and how this helped the author live with the loss of her son.

The hope is that these sessions will complement what maybe happening in your own local congregation and also act as a way to connect across the diocese.

The link for these studies will be sent nearer the time again but here it is: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86762479299?pwd=qaOm5GP8evTorUMQ6uounEMN37smVp.1>

Meeting ID: 867 6247 9299 Passcode: 404984



We are pleased to announce that **Bishop David's 2026 Lent Appeal** will be in support of Embrace the Middle East and their vital work tackling poverty and injustice across the Middle East.

This year, Bishop David is inviting us to stand alongside some of the most vulnerable communities in the world — families facing conflict, displacement, economic hardship and inequality.

Embrace the Middle East partners with trusted local Christian organisations to:

- Support education and healthcare services
- Empower women and young people
- Provide humanitarian relief in times of crisis
- Challenge injustice and promote dignity for all

Through practical action and long-term development, they help communities build resilience and hope for the future.

In a region where many continue to endure instability and deep-rooted poverty, our Lent Appeal offers a meaningful opportunity to respond with compassion and solidarity. Every gift, prayer and act of support will contribute to life-changing work on the ground.

To DONATE—scan the QR code and put LENT APPEAL in the description
Contact the Diocesan Office 0 01631 570870 or email office@argyll.anglican.org



VISITS and HOME COMMUNION Please ring Canon Paul on 079403026773 if you would like home communion if you are unable to be at services or would value a pastoral visit.

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Oban Waste Reduction Project

Come and be part of our project to reduce waste and save money in our local area

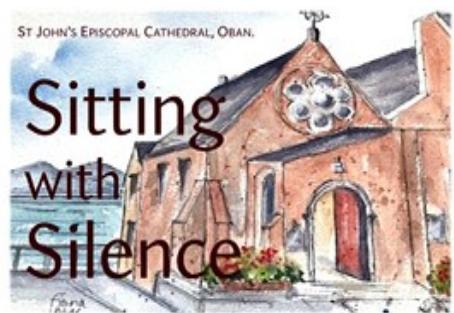
Wednesday 25 February
6.30pm—8pm
St John's Cathedral, Narthex.



**Marie Curie
Cancer Care**



Save the date.....
COFFEE MORNING
for Marie Curie
in the
Cathedral Narthex
on
Saturday March 7th



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

February 25 March 25 April 29
May 27 June 24 July 29

A chance afterwards to eat lunches together in the Narthex

All are always welcome

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St John's Cathedral, George Street, Oban.

Women's Group

We will start a 6 session focus on Joyce Rupp's book "The Cup of our life", meeting fortnightly, 10.30am-12.00pm, on Fridays.

NEXT: February 27th

The idea of the book is to use the symbolism of a physical cup to explore prayer about every day life. We will learn to pray with a cup in a creative, light way. Topics covered are:

The cup of life,
The open cup,
The chipped cup,
The broken cup,
The cup of compassion,
The blessing cup.

Contact Mal: 07548366545 or
Ina: 07854562210 for more information.

please bring your own cup that is special to you, to use in the session :)



**Wednesday
Feb 25th @ 1pm
at Wetherspoons.
Chat, Ciabattas and
Company...**
come and enjoy and bring a pal too if you want. Contact Paul Watson on 07943026773 if you need more info otherwise

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

Fellowship @ 5

Informal Worship
worship songs, prayer,
discussion & food
All Welcome

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

#inclusive #open #informal



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Lent Solidarity...
God became human and went to the places where the common good was not being realised....
Jesus chooses humanity—hunger, interdependence, service, ahead of any agenda for power. He lives amongst the oppressed, in the insignificant, unstable places.. He heals, welcomes, forgives.. and remains amongst those in poverty—spiritual and Material and asks us to do the same.....
Godly solidarity—what does that say to me this Lent?

PRAYERS

Eucharist Readings: Exodus 24: 12-18 Matthew 17: 1-9 **Hymns:** NEH 271, 377, SP 267, NEH 178, SP 106

Evensong Readings: Philippians 3:17-21 / Numbers 22:1- 23: 12

Hymns: NEH 234, Ps 113 (Sheet) NEH 390, NEH 494

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross, that, in the world to come, we may see him as he is; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY O Lord, grant that your faithful people may enter this season of penitence with faithfulness, and complete it with steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

INTERCESSIONS

Province—Primus Mark, the Scottish Episcopal Institute - the new Bishop in Edinburgh to be announced Sun 15th Feb.

Diocese – Bp David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul: Canon Missioner; The Rev'd Tom Ebbens, Chaplain R.N.; Canon Ian, assistant priest (rtd); the people of this Diocese as we discern what it is to be a pilgrim people.

Anglican Communion – Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; We pray also for the Episcopal Church and all faith communities in the United States who have asked us to pray with them for peace, justice and love/ and for Embrace the Middle East—the Anglican churches seeking to offer faith and hope in the midst of hurt and harm.

Porvoo Communion – the 15 predominantly northern European Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran churches, with some church bodies in the Iberian Peninsula of the same denomination. *All our ecumenical links and agreements..* Local Ecumenical Partnerships, Action of Churches Together in Scotland and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, Reuilly Agreement, Meissen Commission and World Council of Churches.

We continue to pray for churches in Ukraine and the Anglican Churches in Gaza... all places where violence and pain disrupt and destroy lives.

We pray for peace in the world, in homes and hearts that all may know God's Kingdom in their lives;

We pray for our community—all pupils and staff of schools on holiday—that each of our gifts to society's enrichment may be valued and enabled to flourish.

We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed: may they know God's healing and strength, hope, renewal.

We give thanks for the lives of those who now worship in God's nearer presence and pray for those who mourn: that they may know God's comfort

CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2026

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Alt Synod Lay Rep—Daniel Stollard

Lead Property—Ken and Colum

Secretary—Margaret Sime

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Members: Mark Evets, Jenny McEvoy, Joy Blakeney, John Murphy, Catriona Petit

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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>

Not got cash? The Cathedral can now take CARD PAYMENTS

The Cathedral now has a Card Reader and can take Weekly collection, Organ Donations and

or Coffee donations by card. Please do give it a go! It will be on the book desk on arrival and at coffee.

We hope that this will help as less cash is carried and help those banking!

