



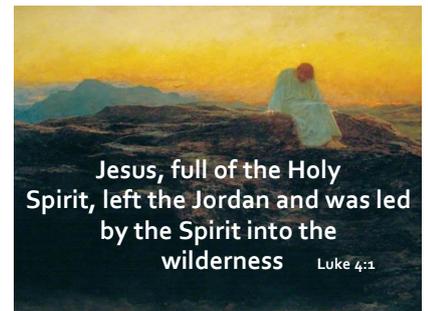
February 22 & March 1

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 22 LENT 1

	10.15am	Sung Eucharist: Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop David Assisting: Provost Margi
	5pm	Fellowship @ 5—all welcome to this informal worship
Wed 25	11am	Shorter Eucharist with Canon Paul followed by coffee
	1pm	Men's Lunch @ Wetherspoons with Canon Paul (see p 3)
	1.45pm	Silent Prayer in the Lady Chapel (see p 3)
	6.30pm	Climate Café in the Narthex (see p 3)
Thu 26	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30-11.30	Coffee Morning
	2pm	Lent Group in the Narthex (see details below)
	7pm	Cathedral Choir Practice
	7-8pm	Online Diocesan Lent Pilgrimage (see p2 for details)
Fri 27	10.30am	Women's Group - see Mal or Ina for details (p3)



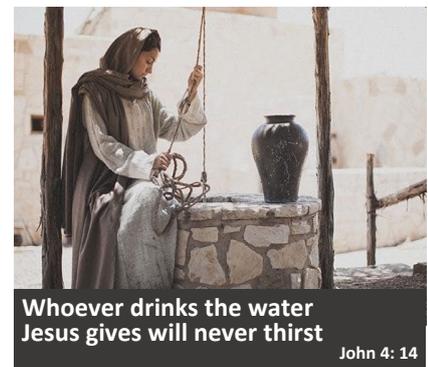
SUNDAY MARCH 1 LENT 2

	10.15am	Sung Eucharist: Canon Paul followed by coffee
	2.30pm	Oban Music Society Concert (see p3) Luke Anderson (Guitar) and Haver Quartet
	3.30pm	Episcopal Eucharist in Kilbrandon: Canon Paul
Wed 4	11am	Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee
Thu 5	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30-11.30	Coffee Morning
	2pm	Lent Group in the Narthex—see details below
	7pm	Cathedral Choir Practice
Sat 7	10am—12noon	Marie Curie Coffee Morning in Narthex (see p3)



SUNDAY MARCH 8 LENT 3

	10.15am	Sung Eucharist followed by coffee
	5pm	Fellowship @ 5—all welcome



CATHEDRAL LENT BOOK

Opportunities to read and discuss
EASTER in DISGUISE
by Liz Dodd

EACH THURSDAY FROM FEB 19

AT 2PM IN THE NARTHEX led by Margi/ Paul

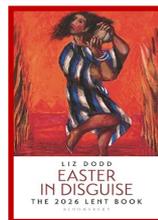
3 TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM ON

February 24th, March 10th, March 24th

at 7 Balnakeil, Kirk Rd, Dunbeg,

hosted by Paul and Ina

All are welcome



Lent ... Pondering Poverty (ch2)

I am more than my possessions or job...
God poured out everything to enter into our lives... what do we pour out, let go of to draw close to God? Does our vision of God disguise him into an image we want...do our interpretations of God's ways stop us truly listening....seeing? Do we need to enter poverty of faith to renew our faith? How can we stand in solidarity with those in poverty... truly know injustice, hunger, cold in order to be a voice for transformation? *'Christian poverty, an expression of love, is solidarity with the poor and a protest against poverty, lived not for its own sake, but as an authentic imitation of Christ.'* Gutierrez.

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.** Based on *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen and *Life, Loss and Learning to be a Pilgrim* by Jill Baker. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86762479299?pwd=qaOm5GP8evTorUMQ6uounEMN37smVp.1>

Meeting ID: 867 6247 9299 Passcode: 404984

DIOCESAN 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.*

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2026

Healing children. Supporting families. Restoring hope.



EMBRACE
the Middle East

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

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.

How will *you* mark Lent this year?

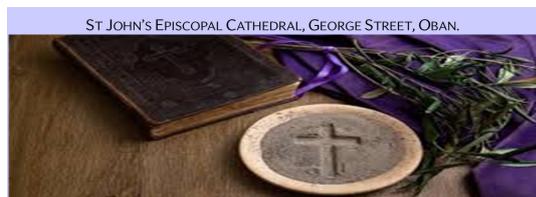
A thought from Pope Leo

Pope Leo XIV on Lent, "I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace."

Maybe drawing attention to this when we hear others speaking ill of people...

praying where we see the media using their forum to diminish others.....

refusing to be influenced by anything other than truth...



ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, GEORGE STREET, OBAN.

LENT LUNCH

MEET AND EAT TOGETHER
ON PALM SUNDAY

March 29 from 11.45am

in the Lindsey Room (under Cathedral)

Contributions to
Bishop's Lent Appeal 2026
Embrace the Middle East
Scan QR and enter Lent Appeal
on the day



Please
SIGN UP
on sheet
in the Narthex



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.



Oban Waste Reduction Project

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

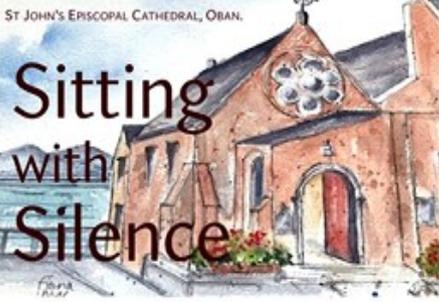
Wednesday 25 February
6.30pm—8pm
St John's Cathedral, Narthex.




Saturday March 7th
COFFEE MORNING

for Marie Curie
in the
Cathedral Narthex

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN.



Sitting with Silence

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

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](tel: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
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St John's, Narthex, George Street

#inclusive #open #informal

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SUNDAY MARCH 1 @ 2.30 PM

Tickets £15 on the door
No charge is made for children and young people attending our concerts

Chamber Music Scotland
<https://www.obanmusicsociety.com/concerts/>

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PRAYERS for Feb 22

Eucharist Readings: Gen 2: 15-17/ 3: 1-7 Matt 4 : 1-11

Hymns: NEH 67, Sheet, NEH 383, SP 37 Comm: NEH 337

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Province—Primus Mark, General Synod Office moving premises.- Bishop Dagmar Winter: Bishop Elect in Edinburgh 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.

We pray that we may set out in Lent, as pilgrim people, not with every answer, but with hearts open to God's leading. In our travelling – across land and sea, through tradition and change – we trust that Christ walks beside us. Bp David
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

PRAYERS for March 1

Eucharist Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7 John 4: 5-42

Hymns: NEH 238, SP 301, SP 283, SP 272 Comm: SP 306

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK O God, you see that we lack the strength to help ourselves: protect us both inwardly and outwardly; that our bodies may be guarded from adversity, and our minds may be defended from such thoughts as assault and harm the soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2026

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Provost as Chair

Rectors Warden—Ken Oxland—*plus Assisting Finance*

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Alt Synod Lay Rep—Daniel Stollard

Lead Property— Ken and Colum

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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

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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!

