



# ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON



## February 8th ~ 5th Sunday after Epiphany

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  
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON**

Easter Day: 11am with Bishop David  
March 1 @ 3.30pm

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

10.15am Sung Eucharist with Baptism of Otis James followed by coffee  
5pm Fellowship @ 5 — all welcome to this informal worship

*\* Our Cathedral Cleaner is away all week (from 9th) — help needed with opening daily at 9am\**

Tue 10 DIOCESAN CONFERENCE in the Corran Halls

5.30pm DIOCESAN EUCHARIST in the Cathedral  
All are warmly invited and welcome.

Wed 11 DIOCESAN SYNOD in the Corran Halls

11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee led by Canon Ian

Thu 12 10am Morning Prayer

10.30-11.30 Coffee Morning - NEED for helpers to continue this

7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

Fri 12 12noon Funeral for Madam Morag MacDougall: 31st Chief of Clan MacDougall  
All are welcome to attend.

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15

10.15am Sung Eucharist followed by coffee

5.15pm Evensong

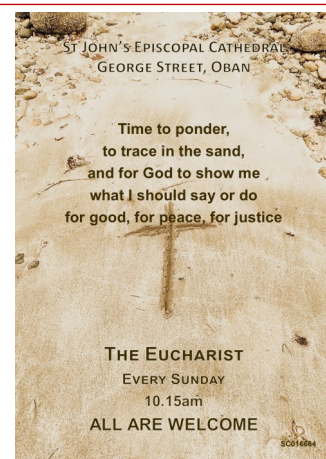
### ASH WEDNESDAY Feb 18th EUCHARISTS with IMPOSITION OF ASHES

11am Shorter Eucharist with Imposition  
Celebrant ~ Bishop David

7pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition



*Please bring your palm crosses  
to the Cathedral to be used to  
make ash for the imposition.*



## PROVINCIAL NEWS

more in Inspire update.... <https://mailchi.mp/scotland/inspires-online-for-jan-2026>

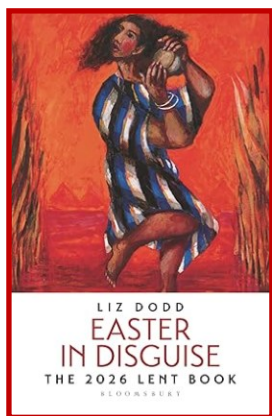
**THE GENERAL SYNOD OFFICE MOVE TO NEW PREMISES IN EDINBURGH** is on track, with the process expected to be completed during March. Modern office space has been secured at 40 Torphichen Street, close to the existing GSO premises, offering strong public transport links and good accessibility. GSO staff are currently preparing for the move, which became necessary after a number of operational and maintenance issues were identified at Forbes House, the long-term home of the GSO in Grosvenor Crescent.

**LEGACY OF SLAVERY RESEARCH PROJECT OFFICER APPOINTED** The Legacy of Slavery project set up to investigate the Scottish Episcopal Church's historic links with slavery has taken a significant step forward with the appointment of a dedicated Research Project Officer. Dr Simon Buck will research archival collections across Scotland and the UK, to locate, assess and map historical materials relating to the Scottish Episcopal Church which demonstrate ties to transatlantic slavery. A report will be produced at the end of Simon's 12-month research period, and it is anticipated there will be updates of findings along the way.

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE'S MODULES** that SEC clergy and readers can audit for free or study for credit at minimal cost more details at <https://mailchi.mp/scotland/inspires-online-for-jan-2026>

**PROVINCIAL YOUTH EVENT IN THE HIGHLANDS ....in Kinlochleven** [thomas.klafkowski@scotland.anglican.org.uk](mailto:thomas.klafkowski@scotland.anglican.org.uk)

**Plus much more news from around the Province....**



## CATHEDRAL LENT BOOK

Opportunities to read and discuss

**EASTER in DISGUISE** by Liz Dodd

**EACH THURSDAY** FROM FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 2PM IN THE NARTHEX

led by Margi/ Paul or

**TUESDAY EVENINGS** AT 7PM ON **February 24th, March 10th, March 24th**

at 7 Balnakeil, Kirk Rd, Dunbeg, PA37 1PP hosted by Paul and Ina

Lent is Easter in disguise, a radical, subversive season of resistance. A blend of contemporary spirituality, scriptural reflection and tales from one of the UK's youngest nuns make this a vibrant take on an ancient season. Sister Liz Dodd, an activist and journalist, draws on feminist and Liberation theologies, as well as her work with refugees and her adventures cycling around the world, to outline a new spirituality for social justice. This Lent she challenges Christians to do more than give up chocolate: Lent is God's invitation to shake up your life, rattle your community, and change the world.

Learn from Jesus the spiritualities that he passed onto his disciples, including solidarity, poverty, hospitality, peace-making and protest. Explore ways to practise them against racism, inequality, homelessness and the climate crisis alongside spiritual guides including Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King Jr and Pope Francis.

This book is a companion to the six weeks of Lent, with each week and its gospel focus corresponding to one of Jesus' six spiritualities of social justice. It culminates in a fresh look at the traditions of Holy Week.

Available 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](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Easter-Disguise-2026-Bloomsbury-Lent-ebook/dp/B0F6C4RGYT/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0)

Also stocked by **Waterstones** to order at £10.99

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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/Henri-J.M.-Nouwen-9780232520781-Books/dp/0232520781/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0) or second hand at [The Return of the Prodigal Son \(New\) | Henri J. M. Nouwen | 9780232520781 | Awesome Books](https://www.awesomebooks.co.uk/book/9780232520781-the-return-of-the-prodigal-son-new-henri-j-m-nouwen/) 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.co.uk/book/9781911111111-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



# BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2026

Healing children. Supporting families. Restoring hope.



## Faith in Action

Princess Basma Centre is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, responding to urgent need with compassion, dignity and professionalism. In the midst of ongoing crisis, their teams continue to show extraordinary courage and commitment.

Through Embrace the Middle East, churches and supporters in Scotland and the rest of the UK are standing alongside this vital Christian ministry of healing and peace. Even a small donation can make a powerful difference.

To donate, scan the QR code (right) and include the words 'Lent appeal' in the description - or contact the Diocesan Office on 01631 570870 or email [office@argyll.anglican.org](mailto:office@argyll.anglican.org)

SCAN QR CODE  
TO DONATE WITH  
'LENT APPEAL' IN  
THE DESCRIPTION



## A Lifeline for Children in Gaza

Children in Gaza are growing up amid devastating conflict, displacement and deprivation. Many are living with life changing injuries, trauma, disability, and severe malnutrition. Access to food, specialist healthcare and psychological support remains extremely limited - especially for the most vulnerable.

Through this year's Bishop's Appeal, we invite you to support the lifesaving work of Embrace the Middle East and its longstanding Christian partner, the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, as they provide rehabilitation, nutrition, therapy and trauma care for children in Gaza.

“Rehabilitation is not only about survival - it is about restoring dignity, resilience and the chance to live.”

Journey with Embrace the Middle East this Lent. Embrace is a Christian development charity working with trusted partners across the Middle East to serve the most vulnerable. There are updates, video Lent reflections and more at: [www.embraceme.org](http://www.embraceme.org)

## Marie Curie Cancer Care



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

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 13th in the Obay Bay Hotel

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 :)



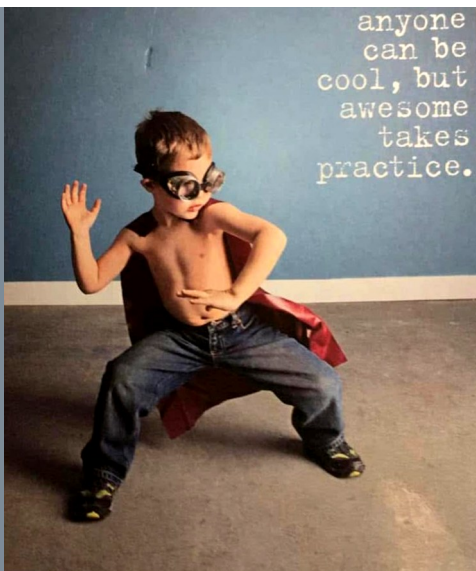
Wednesday  
Feb 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm  
at Wetherspoons.  
**Chat, Ciabattas and Company...**  
come and enjoy and  
bring a pal too if  
you want. Contact  
Paul Watson on  
07943026773 if you  
need more info  
otherwise

## DADS AND TODDLERS

are back on  
Saturday  
Feb 14  
9.30-11am

@  
St John's  
Cathedral Hall.

Bairns, Banter  
and Bacon  
Rolls



## 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.

## 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

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# INTERCESSIONS February 8th

**Eucharist Readings:** 1 Cor 2: 1-12 Matt 5: 13–20 **Hymns:** SP 123 Sheet Sheet SP 171 SP 162 **Comm:** Sheet

## COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, watch over your household with constant love: that, supported by you alone, we may always stand firm in your protection; 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 - staff and ordinands and all within the discernment process.

For all involved in the electoral process for a new Bishop 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 St Columba's, Gruline, Mull and all who assist in leading worship.

*Anglican Communion* – Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; the Anglican Church in Hong Kong ArchBp Andrew Chan.

*Porvoo Communion* – Hamar, Norway: Bp Ole Kristian Bonden; Worcester, Eng. : Bp Hugh Nelson

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. 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;

in the unrest and disquiet in so many countries....for those in authority.... for those living in fear....

for all whose homes and livelihoods have been lost or damaged in the violence of war or nature.

We pray for our community, for our shops and businesses, transportation and hospitality, 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 where prayers are answered and hope is indeed seen.

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—especially for the families of Sud=san Crosfield and Madam Morag

*May we hold out the light of faith, of hope and love and be beacons of God's path of life.*

**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.

### CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2025

#### 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

#### 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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Via website contact page

OSCR: SC016664

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07943026773 *limited hours at Cathedral*

missioner@argyll.anglican.org

**Assisting Priest (Rtd) The Rev'd Canon Ian Walter**

**Assisting Priest: (NSM)The Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chapn RN**

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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=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac>

### 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!

