



# ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON



THE  
SCOTTISH  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

June 1~ Ascension Sunday/ June 8 ~Pentecost



Every Sunday 10.15am  
2nd & 4th Sundays 5pm  
3rd Sunday 5.15pm  
Wednesdays 11am  
Thursdays 10am

Cathedral Sung Eucharist  
Fellowship @ 5 Informal worship in the Narthex  
Cathedral Evensong  
Shorter Cathedral Eucharist  
Morning Prayer

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH

Next: June 15th @ 11am Canon Tony Sparham

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON ~ OPENFORALL: June 1st @3.30pm

## SUNDAY JUNE 1

10.15am

## ASCENSION SUNDAY

Cathedral Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Tom Ebbens RN on his last Sunday with us as Curate

3.30pm

Kilbrandon Eucharist

Tue 3 7pm

Cathedral Vestry in Macfarlane Room

Wed 4 11am

Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee

Thu—Sat 5th—7th

**CATHEDRAL CLOSED— NO MORNING PRAYER/ COFFEE**

*Choir—please await email re practice*

*5th—7th Provost Margi and Colum (Clergy and Lay Rep) attending General Synod in Edinburgh  
As Margi will not get back until late on Saturday—this Weekly Sheet is a double issue.*

## SUNDAY JUNE 8

10.15am

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Cathedral Sung Eucharist

5pm

Fellowship @ 5

Tue 10 10.45-12noon

Bible Study series on Titus, at Gigulum. Details from Donald Shell

Wed 11 11am

Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee

Thu 12 10am

Morning Prayer

10.30– 11.30

Coffee Morning—come along and bring friends for coffee, cake and chat!

Fri 13 7.30—8.45pm

Cathedral Concert ~ Duo for Psophos Quartet (see poster p2)



## GOOD NEWS: CHAIRLIFT INSTALLATION

We are relieved and delighted to say that the Chairlift is due to be installed this coming week.

For practical as well as safety reasons, we will have to

**CLOSE THE CATHEDRAL TO ALL ON THURSDAY JUNE 5TH/ FRIDAY 6TH**

**& POSSIBLY SATURDAY 7TH.**

The company will visit the following week to test and instruct, after which it will be in use.

We owe huge thanks to Ken and Colum for long persistence in getting us to this point!

We are also grateful for the Benefact Cathedral Grants for 2023 and 2024, together with the MacNab Trust

Grant which together have covered most of the cost.

## UNFORTUNATE ORGAN NEWS...UPDATE

Following contact from our organ technician, he points sadly to the terminal demise of the organ. The Vestry will therefore be starting the process to decide our next steps. Over the coming weeks we will be using the piano, with permission given from Oban Music Society for which we are very grateful, and the Clavinova.

There will obviously be a need to fundraise and we start a campaign very soon! In 1994 the organ cost £23,500, costs now are slightly more for a good second-hand with comparable specifications or considerably greater for a new organ. We will keep the congregation informed—please start thinking how you can help us raise the money needed....

## Gifts from the Cathedral & Donations ...



Have you spotted the new Narthex arrangement for our gifts... pens/ keyrings / holding stones & crosses, together with cards and bookmarks... we hope everyone will enjoy

purchasing these and raising money for our upkeep...

## & Information Hub

Information leaflets are here for groups around our area... and the boxes for

recycling- paper/ batteries/ old phones/ stamps / ink cartridges (not all!)

PLUS the HOPE KITCHEN COLLECTION POINT

*Hope you find it helpful!*



## THE BIG BEE EVENT – SEPTEMBER 2025 JOIN THE BUZZ AT 'THE BEAUTY OF BEES' EXHIBITION AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN 17TH – 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025



We're inviting artists, makers, and bee-lovers to be part of a unique community celebration of

*'The Beauty of Bees'*

a creative event exploring the magic, mystery, and importance of bees in our world.

This is a chance to reflect on the essential role bees play in nature, food, and culture — and to celebrate their beauty through art and creativity.

© **Live bee demonstrations** by local beekeepers

© **Art sales & displays** in a dramatic historic venue

© **A celebration of creativity, sustainability, and community. Interested in taking part?**

Email us at [info.beautyofbees@gmail.com](mailto:info.beautyofbees@gmail.com) for full details and an application form.



### St James, Ardbrecknish

The Scottish Episcopal Church by Loch Awe  
Part of the worldwide Anglican Communion

Upcoming services in 2025

11:00 18th May - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

11:00 15th Jun - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

10:30 22nd Jun - Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN\*

11:00 20th Jul - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

10:30 10th Aug - Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN\*

11:00 17th Aug - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

11:00 21st Sep HARVEST- Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

11:00 19th Oct - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham

10:30 16th Nov - Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN\*



Find us:  
**PA33 1BH**



### HOME COMMUNION

Please ring  
Provost Margi  
on 01631 562323

(after 9/06/25) or email:  
[provostoban@argyll.anglican.org](mailto:provostoban@argyll.anglican.org)

if you have had,  
or would like to take  
communion at

home because you  
are unable to be at  
services, please be

in touch with  
Provost Margi to  
arrange a date.



ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

## Fellowship @ 5

All Welcome for  
music, prayer  
& discussion  
with food

Every 2nd & 4th Sundays

5pm

St John's, Narthex, George Street

#inclusive #open #informal

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We appreciate all the donations that are made to HOPE KITCHEN so that we can keep supplying food parcels to those in our community who are struggling to feed themselves and their households.

We are really low on supplies of LONG LIFE MILK / DILUTING JUICE/ TOILET ROLLS/ BOXES of MASHED POTATO

and we'd be really grateful for any donations—either at the café, Tesco, Lidl, Aldi—or in the CATHEDRAL BOX in the Narthex.... It is there at all times for donations.



## JUNE DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun June 15th

Sat June 28th tbc

Sun 13th July

Fri 25th July

Sat 26th July

Trinity Sunday—Sung Eucharist @ 10.15am and Evensong at 5.15pm

Food Swap— bring products grown/ made for swaps—more details soon.

Sea Sunday with Guest Speaker— collection for Mission to Seafarers

Concert Kosoen Ranieri Duo

Licencing and Installtaion of The Revd Paul Watson as Canon Missioner



St John's Episcopal Cathedral, Oban  
**SEA SUNDAY**  
**JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

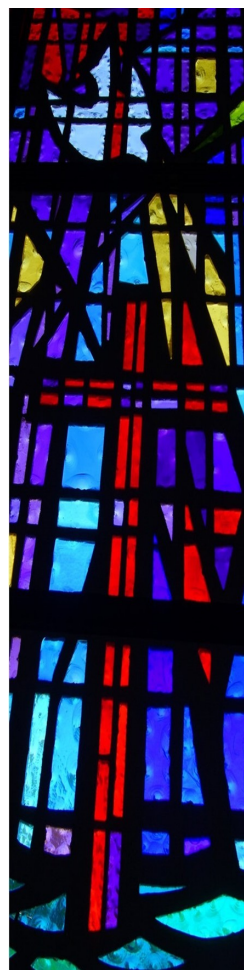
All welcome to our  
**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**  
at 10.15am

Guest Preacher: David Graham

Retiring Collection for  
The Mission to Seafarers, Scotland

*Giving thanks & praying for all who  
work at sea & those who  
support them in difficult times*

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**St John's Cathedral**  
George Street, Oban.

**A SERVICE  
OF  
EVENSONG**

WITH THE  
INSTALLATION OF  
**THE REV'D PAUL WATSON**  
AS CANON OF THE CATHEDRAL  
AND LICENCING  
AS CANON MISSIONER

**SATURDAY JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
at 5pm

All are warmly welcome

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ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN.



*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

28 May    25 June    23 July  
27 August    24 September    22 October  
26 November    17 December.

A chance afterwards to eat lunches together in the Narthex

*All are always welcome*

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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, GEORGE ST, OBAN

**Cathedral Concerts 2025 welcomes**

**DUO**

FROM THE PSOPHOS QUARTET

*'From Baroque to Tango'*



Gilles Binchois

J.S. Bach

Marin Marais

G. Rossini

F. Bridge

R. Glière



**FRIDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**7.30<sup>PM</sup> — 8.45<sup>PM</sup>**

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, GEORGE ST, OBAN

TICKETS £10 (SUGGESTED)

**June 1 EUCHARIST READINGS**  
**HYMNS**

Daniel 7: 9-14 Luke 24: 44-53  
NEH 130 SP 86 SP 84 NEH 134 Comm: SP 89

**COLLECT**

O God, the King of Glory, hear our prayer:  
that as we believe your Son Jesus Christ to be exalted with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven;  
so also we may know his presence with us now, and to the end of time;  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**INTERCESSIONS June 1**

*Province*— Primus Mark and all at General Synod

*Diocese*— Bishop David; Provost Margi; Tom: Curate (RN); Canon Ian: Priest (rtd);

the people of St Columba's, Gruline, Mull; Paul Fletcher, to be licensed as priest in Fort William tomorrow  
*Anglican Communion*— Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; the Anglican Church of Korea  
Primate: Onesimus Dongsin Park

*Porvoo Communion*—Hereford, England: Bp Richard Jackson; the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad  
Archbp Lauma Lagzdins Zuševica; the Lusitanian Church, Portugal: Bp Jorge Tavares de Pina Cabral

*Oban Churches* For our brothers and sisters in faith in Oban and outwith... for those praying for leaders ....for those seeking growth ....for projects being undertaken.....for a unity within our faith and fellowship to encourage each other.  
For Hope Kitchen, Green Shoots, Re\_Store and all who work in the town to enhance lives

**June 8 EUCHARIST READINGS**  
**HYMNS**

Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17  
Sheet SP 90 NEH 137 SP 166 Comm: NEH 431

**COLLECT**

God, who on the day of Pentecost enlightened the hearts of your people by the fire of the Holy Spirit:  
give us wisdom and understanding, and lead us into all truth,  
that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.

**INTERCESSIONS June 8**

*Province*— Primus Mark, the Boards and committees now taking forward the work of General Synod.

*Diocese*— Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Ian: Priest (rtd); Tom RN Chpl as his Chaplaincy work transfers to full-time. Our outreach and mission across the diocese; all our diocesan officers and our office staff.

*Anglican Communion*— Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; Anglican Church of Melanesia  
Archbp Leonard Dawea

*Porvoo Communion* the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland: Bp Guðrún Karls Helgudóttin; the Spanish  
Reformed Episcopal Church: Bp Carlos López Lozano

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For The Dove Centre: Oban Hospice—staff, volunteers and all who use its services....

**CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION**

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

**CATHEDRAL WEBSITE**

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**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

**Link for Finances**— David Pollard

**Secretary**— Margaret Sime

**4 CONSTITUENT MEMBERS**

**Stewardship/ Gift Aid**— Susannah Hughes

**Members:** Mark Evetts, Jenny McEvoy, Joy Blakeney

**ACTING ON BEHALF OF & REPORTING TO SYNOD**

**Safeguarding:** Catriona Petit **Assisting:** Mel Crossley

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