THE
DIOCESE
OF ARGYLL
& THE ISLES

St JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

STJAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON

3rd week of Easter

50 days of unremitting joy





Alleluia! Tesus is Risen

The stone is rolled away and he comes to meet us now in bread in wine

In the coming weeks we discover Christ meeting us, easing our doubts, breathing new life into our faith, bringing joy out of sorrow and hope in our fears.

Alleluia!

SUNDAY APRIL 14th

10.15am Sung Eucharist at the Cathedral

5pm Fellowship@5

Wed 17th 11am Shorter Eucharist
Thu 18th 10am Morning Prayer

8th 10am Morning Prayer 10.30–11.30 Coffee Morning

7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

SUNDAY APRIL 21st

10.15am Sung Eucharist at the Cathedral

5.15pm Evensong

CATHEDRAL LENT CHARITY TENT FOR LENT



Thank you to all who donated... a wonderful £1480 is being sent to ShelterBox





Sunday April 14th 5pm–6pm

Fellowship @5 is a wonderful, relaxed opportunity to share lively and safe conversation about faith.

It is for those seeking to know more and those who want to grow more....all within informal worship, and with food at the end.

Do come, and invite friends and neighbours as we open our worship for all.



24th April St John's Cathedral
29th May Hope Kitchen

26th June St John's Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Every Sunday 10.15am Cathedral Eucharist

2nd & 4th Sundays 5pm Fellowship @ 5 ~ Informal worship with fellowship & food

3rd Sunday 5.15pm Cathedral Evensong

Wednesdays 11am Shorter Cathedral Eucharist

Thursdays 10am Morning Prayer

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH Next 10am May 5th: Canon Tony Sparham

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON - ISLE OF SEIL ~ Next: May 5th 2024 @ 3.30pm

Cathedral led Eucharist shared with our Church of Scotland friends

INTERCESSIONS

Province—Primus Mark and the College of Bishops

Diocese – Ian Paton, our acting bishop; Provost Margi; Tom, NSM curate at Ardbrecknish; Canon Ian, assistant priest (rtd); the people of St Andrew's, Fort William, for Alisdair and all who assist in leading worship during the vacancy.

Anglican Communion – the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia: Archbps Don Tamihere & Sione Uluilakepa; Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh

Porvoo Communion – Aalborg, Denmark: Bp Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen; Clogher, Ireland: Bp Ian Ellis; Derby, England: Bp Libby Lane.

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY & WORLDWIDE CONCERNS

For all who live in places of violence and war. For an end to atrocities & hostilities—a permanent ceasefire & the safety of all children & innocent civilians with safe passage for humanitarian aid—food and medical supplies.

For all who negotiate for peace and seek lasting settlements which bring peace, justice and equality for all peoples.

We pray for justice, resolution and peace, healing and comfort for all who grieve.

As our hospitality and tourism businesses continue their season—we pray for a good welcome for all visitors and that through the beauty of our surroundings, all in need of rest and relaxation will find good respite.

We give thanks for all who serve the visitors to this area

For the newly appointed Net Zero Officers in the Province—that they will guide and inspire us to make the changes that we can in our churches and homes, to strengthen resolve and actions to slow and stop harm being done.

We pray for wisdom and courage to take the steps needed to reverse the harm done to the earth.

As Holyrood and Westminster return from recess, that all who serve the people of our nations will work for justice and equality for all, that debates may be worthy of the trust we place in those who take office in our name.

We pray for integrity

In this season of Eastertide, we pray for all affected by violence, lives lost, lives changed forever, for young people and all whose lives are in chaos and who feel no hope.

Teach us the ways of peace and care for each other, show us ways to bring new hope and new life.

SUFFERING—those we know & those who have asked for prayerBrian...Morag...Jenny... those unable to come to worship, those we visit; all awaiting consultations & diagnosis, or undergoing operations or treatment. May God's healing & wholeness sustain all who are in need, all who cry in silence or aloud, bringing hope & comfort to them & all who care for them. *May all who are affected by sickness, be given strength in faith, hope and the comfort of your love.*

DEPARTED– Praying in thanksgiving for the lives of those recently departed, and those we remember at this time. May all who have died, in peace or through trauma, sickness or by violence, rest in peace & rise in glory and may all who mourn find comfort in your eternal hope.

We pray for your strength, comfort and presence

April 14th 3rd of Easter

Communion: NEH 102

Wednesday Readings: Acts 8:1b-8 John 6:35-40 Saint Donnán of Eigg it is thought, lived from about 550 to 17 April 617. He was probably Irish in origin and is known for his efforts to introduce Christianity to the Picts of north-west Scotland. Very little remains of him in the written record, but it is thought that he was a contemporary of Columba. The only part of his life to have made it into the annals in any detail was his death, when he and 52 of his monks were murdered at their monastery on the Isle of Eigg.

COLLECT

O God, who, in the death and resurrection of your Son, have raised up this fallen world: may we and all your people, whom you have saved from the gates of everlasting death, rejoice in your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



A PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

during the period of
DISCERNMENT INTERVIEWS
& THE ELECTION
of our next BISHOP

Almighty God, the giver of every good gift; pour out your blessing upon all serving on, and those advising the Synod of this Diocese, as we continue in the election process for our next Bishop.

Grant your spirit of wisdom and understanding; that all may be guided to the choice of one who will minister before you to the glory of your holy name: leading the people of this Diocese in a vision for the

leading the people of this Diocese in a vision for the growth of your kingdom in this place, the joyful sharing of your good news, and the order of our Province and the whole Church;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS

Luke 24:36b-48



While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace" be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in you hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

Jesus appears and the disciples do not know what to think....their rational explanation is that he is a ghost, so Jesus offers reassurance, proof. It would be easy then to counter the reality —believe simply in something easier—he didn't die! But what faith would that inspire? What tangible hope would that give to be a bedrock for the future? That would just make him the master of tricks, the cheater of death.

This encounter gives them both the reality of death and the reality of his resurrection, the wounds are there, they knew his lifeless body, but now they are convinced of the life that cannot be contained even by death.

And so we present to God the fears of things that we believe to be insurmountable, present to him the wounds of life and earthly powers we see controlling and destroying, and know that these do not hold the ultimate sway and will not have the final say.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your birth you were proclaimed the Prince of Peace, and in your resurrection you breathe into your people peace beyond this world's understanding. Be present, Lord, this day with those whose lives are disfigured by conflict and those whose hearts know no peace. To you, Lord Jesus, true bringer of the peace of heaven, be honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

We praise you O Lord and we bless you; By your dying, death was destroyed, By your rising, life was renewed, By your Spirit, may we be filled with your glory.

CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN The Very Rev'd Canon Margi Campbell

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Margi is Bishop's Commissary to our Acting Bishop, The Rt Revd Ian Paton, Bishop of St Andrew's, Dunkeld & Dunblane. She is grateful for your forbearance at this difficult time, thankful to all who are assisting, and apologises for the things she cannot now do, as she works across the Cathedral and Diocese and finds time hugely constrained.

$CURATE @ ST\ JAMES': The\ Rev'd\ Tom\ Ebbens$

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