



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON
4th week of Easter ~ April 21st 2024

50 days of unremitting joy



CATHEDRAL SERVICES

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

Cathedral Eucharist
Fellowship @ 5 ~ Informal worship with fellowship & food
Cathedral Evensong
Shorter Cathedral Eucharist
Morning Prayer

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH

Next 11am 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

SUNDAY APRIL 21st

10.15am Sung Eucharist at the Cathedral
5.15pm Evensong

Wed 24th 11am Shorter Eucharist
6.30 - 8.30pm Climate Cafe

Thu 25th No formal Morning Prayer
Margi in Perth for Deans Meeting
10.30 - 11.30 Coffee Morning
7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

SUNDAY APRIL 28th

10.15am Sung Eucharist at the Cathedral
5pm Fellowship @ 5

UPCOMING DATES for your DIARY

MAY

Thu 9th 6pm Ascension Day Compline
Sat 11th 7pm Bach Choir & Orchestra Concert

JUNE

Sat 8th 7pm Bach Choir/Orchestra
St Columba Cantata
Sun 9th FEAST of ST COLUMBA
CATHEDRAL 104 YEARS

JULY

Su 14th SEA SUNDAY Eucharist
RNLI 200th Anniversary

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
All Welcome for
music, prayer
& discussion
with food
#inclusive #open #informal
Every 2nd & 4th Sundays
5pm
St John's, Narthex, George Street
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Sunday April 28th 5pm - 6pm

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

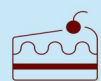
It is for those seeking to know more and those who want to grow more....all within informal worship, and with food at the end.

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



CLIMATE CAFE

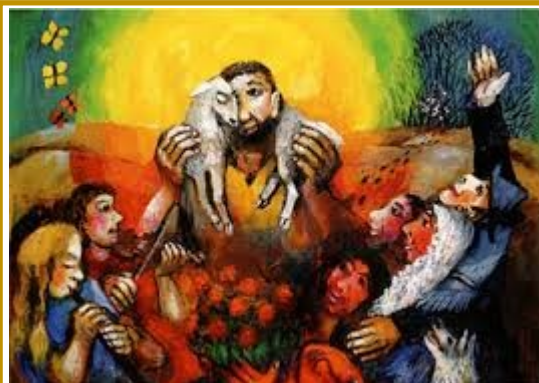
Come along for coffee, cake and a chat about climate



A safe space to share worries, exchange thoughts and make connections

LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 6.30pm - 8.30pm

24th April St John's Cathedral
29th May Hope Kitchen
26th June St John's Cathedral



Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

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

In these 50 days of unremitting joy,
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!

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 Cathedral of The Isles & Collegiate Church of the Holy Spirit, Millport, Cumbrae

Anglican Communion – Anglican Church of Australia: Primate: Geoffrey Smith; Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh

Porvoo Communion – Blackburn, England: Bp Philip North; Brechin, Scotland: Bp Andrew Swift; the Lutheran Church in Great Britain: Bp Paulina Hławiczka-Trotman.

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY & WORLDWIDE CONCERNS

For all who live in places of violence and war. For an end to atrocities & hostilities & a calm in the face of new threats—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 we reflect on the Good Shepherd—may all our local and national leaders have the true care of the people they serve in their hearts and lead from within, with understanding.

We pray for integrity & humility

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 prayer ...Brian...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

VOCATIONS

Lord, as you called your disciples, call us now. Open our ears to listen to you calling; open our eyes to see you; open our hearts to your love. Help us to hear you, to experience your presence with us and to love you.

And loving you, let us serve you, our servant King. **Amen**

April 21st 4th of Easter

Eucharist Readings: Acts 4: 5-12 John 10: 11-18

Hymns: NEH 205 SP 314 SP 276 SP 283 Comm: SP 216

Evensong Readings: Exodus 16:4-15 Revelation 2:12-17

Evensong Hymns: NEH 362 Ps 81 NEH 292 NEH 368

Wednesday Readings: Acts 12:24 -13:5a John 12:44-50

COLLECT

O God, the light of whose truth stretches out to those who go astray, that they may return to the path of righteousness: give your grace to all who profess themselves Christians, that they may cast out what is harmful, and pursue all that gives life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Daily readings return after the Resurrection Reflections (p3) 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 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 WEEK of APRIL 21st

John 10: 11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired

hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

REFLECT: *Sheep follow..... Sheep do best in a flock....sheep know the voice of their shepherd and respond....*

'I am the door of the sheepfold'

Not one that's gently hinged or deftly hung,
Not like the ones you planed at Joseph's place,
Not like the well-oiled openings that swung
So easily for Pilate's practiced pace,
Not like the ones that closed in Mary's face
From house to house in brimming Bethlehem,
Not like the one that no man may assail,
The dreadful curtain, The forbidding veil
That waits your breaking in Jerusalem.
Not one you made but one you have become:
Load-bearing, balancing, a weighted beam
To bridge the gap, to bring us within reach
Of your high pasture. Calling us by name,
You lay your body down across the breach,
Yourself the door that opens into home. *Malcolm Guite*

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP~CATHEDRAL OPENING

While our Cathedral cleaner is on holiday we need help to keep the Cathedral open for prayer and visits. A key can be provided if you do not have one. Dates between April 29th and May 17th—please see list in Narthex.

KEEPING IN TOUCH...

HEATING: Our radiator system has broken with the underfloor feed pipes corroded – our Vestry is seeking quotes to either repair, or the potential of moving to more electric heaters. Neither will be cheap and we will do our best to have something in place before the cold weather returns.

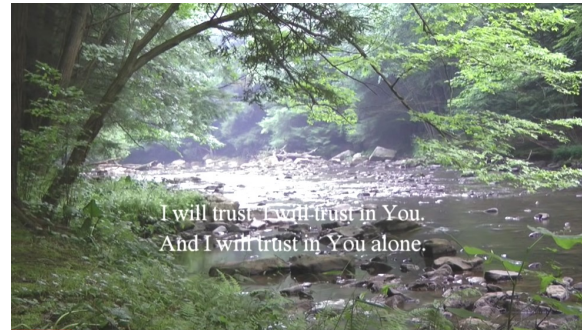
ROOF: you will see the results of work needed when it rains! We are currently seeking roofers who work at very high levels to repair the slipped and laminating tiles.

CONSULTATION: We are using kneeling rails already part of Cathedral furniture and hope that they assist. Do let us know....

We are seeking better ways to store choir robes and music and a permanent lower altar and will keep you in touch with our progress.

Reflect using this version of Psalm 23

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>



How much do we we truly trust?

CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN

The Very Rev'd Canon Margi Campbell

not available Fridays & Saturdays

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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.

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

(Currently on Royal Navy Chaplaincy training and out of contact)

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