



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON
6th week of Easter ~ May 5th 2024

50 days of unremitting joy



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!

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 MAY 5th

10.15am Sung Eucharist at the Cathedral
11am Eucharist at St James, Ardbrecknish
3.30pm Eucharist @ Kilbrandon

Wed 6th 11am Short Eucharist

Thu 7th ASCENSION DAY

10am Morning Prayer
10.30- 11.30 Coffee Morning
6pm Ascension Compline
7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

Sat 11th 7.30pm Bach Choir & Orchestra Concert

SUNDAY MAY 12th Sunday after Ascension

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

UPCOMING DATES for your DIARY

MAY

9th -19th 'THY KINGDOM COME'
worldwide prayer movement (p3)

Sun 19th 10.15am PENTECOST
CELEBRATION EUCHARIST

JUNE

Sat 8th 7.30pm Bach Choir/Orchestra
St Columba Cantata

Sun 9th FEAST of ST COLUMBA
CATHEDRAL 104 YEARS

JULY

Sun 14th 10.15am SEA SUNDAY Eucharist
RNLI 200th Anniversary

Morning Prayer
is said in the Cathedral
on Thursday mornings
10am - 10.15am
We warmly welcome you
A beautiful way to set the day with God.

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ARGYLL AND THE ISLES
ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
GEORGE STREET, OBAN
ASCENSION DAY
COMPLINE
Thursday May 9th ~ 6-6.20pm
SUNG EUCHARIST
Sunday May 12th ~ 10.15am
All welcome...all invited
Praying together around the world - May 9th until June 19th

St John's Cathedral
Coffee Morning
Every Thursday
10.30am ~ 11.30am
Time to chat....
Everyone Welcome
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INTERCESSIONS

Province—Primus Mark and the College of Bishops, The General Synod Office and all who work from it.

Diocese – Ian Paton, our acting bishop; Provost Margi; Tom, NSM Curate; Canon Ian, assistant priest (rtd); the people of St Columba's, Portree, St Michael and All Angels, Raasay, and St Mary's, Sleat

Anglican Communion –; the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil: Primate -Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh

Porvoo Communion– Bjørgvin, Norway: Bp Ragnhild Jepsen; Southwark, England: Bp Christopher Chessun

OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY & WORLDWIDE CONCERNS

For all who live in places of violence and war. For an end to atrocities & hostilities & the release of all held captive.

For the safety of all children & innocent civilians; for the supply of aid—food and medical supplies. For all who negotiate for peace and seek lasting settlements in too many places destroyed by conflicts—Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan.....

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

For our communities in this area, for all residents, students and visitors—our nursing and residential homes and all who work in the residential care sector. We pray for our local councils and community representatives, as well as those who serve us in Holyrood and Westminster. May your guidance inspire them to work for good of the people of our communities and all who serve our wellbeing and enable our amenities to function.

We give thanks for all who live and work in our communities and those who represent us in governance.

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.

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*

In all places, all hearts and all minds may your kingdom come!

May 5th 6th of Easter

Eucharist Readings: Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17

Hymns: SP 243, SP 269, NEH 420, SP 275 Comm: SP 151

COLLECT

O God, from whom all good things arise: grant such grace to those who call on you, that, by your inspiration, we may ponder those things that are right, and, by your guidance, do them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Wednesday Readings: Julian of Norwich c1417

Acts 17:15, 22 - 18 John 16:12-20

Thursday: Ascension Day Acts 1:1-11

Almighty God: grant that we, who believe that your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, ascended to the heavens, may already dwell in spirit with him there; for he 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.**



THY KINGDOM COME ~ MAY 9th — MAY 19th

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby

St John's joins this worldwide movement as a part of our **RESURRECTION REFLECTIONS**

Here are suggestions to use from Ascension to Pentecost.....



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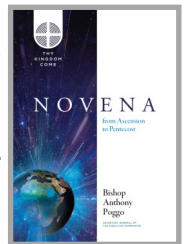
Go to: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-journal-2024> to find a daily video reflection from people of faith across Scotland.

PRAYER NOVENA

Use the Prayer Novena—each day there is a thought, reading and prayer written by Bishop Anthony Poggio SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2024-03/2024%20Novena.pdf>

Or LISTEN to the session each day at <https://soundcloud.comthykingdomcomeglobal>



FOR CHILDREN



Go to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheeky-pandas> for activities, videos and stories

FOR YOUTH

Go to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/youth> for videos and resources to equip our young people in faith and prayer.



JOIN BY LISTENING TO THE SONG 'We seek your kingdom'

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/we-seek-your-kingdom-song-licc> and pray the Lord's Prayer each day

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. **THY KINGDOM COME.***

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let's raise our voices, unite in saying the Lord's prayer with faith that God hears and answers the prayers of his people.

OBAN BACH CHOIR & ORCHESTRA ~ 50th SEASON CELEBRATIONS



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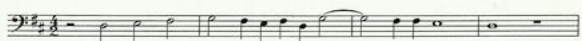
continue to mark their 50th season
with a concert of celebratory music

SATURDAY MAY 11th 2024 at 7.30 pm
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

Handel: Music for the Royal Fireworks
Gabrieli: Two Motets
Susato: Renaissance Dances
Bach: Gratias (Mass in B minor)
Müller: I will give thanks
and short choral pieces by Handel,
Mozart and Vaughan Williams

Seat with programme (obtainable at the door)
£11-00; concessions £9-00; under 18s £2-00

The final concert this season is due to take place
on June 8th and will consist of Haydn's Symphony
no. 104 and *Saint Columba of Iona*, a cantata by
Norman Nicholson with words by Iain Crichton Smith



Oban Bach Choir and Orchestra are preparing to give the second of their three spring concerts in this their 50th season, on Saturday May 11th, at 7.30 in the Cathedral.

Whereas the first concert was fairly subdued, falling in Lent, this one is much more celebratory in character, beginning with Handel's Fireworks Music, written in 1749 as part of the celebrations of the Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle.

The two motets by Gabrieli were composed for performance in the magnificent setting of St. Mark's, Venice, where the performers would split into groups spaced out in different galleries. This, of course, is not possible here in St John's, though the sound of 'Exultet jam angelica' (Let the angelic choirs of heaven now rejoice) should still be impressive with its harmony in no fewer than 14 parts.

'Lift up your heads, O ye gates' from Handel's Messiah, is a suitable choice for Ascensiontide, and also included are 'I will give thanks' by Muller (formerly attributed to Mozart) and 'Gratias agimus

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

CATHEDRAL OPENING & CATHEDRAL CLEANING

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

We also would hugely appreciate **offers to put the Hoover around and keep the Cathedral looking clean and tidy** whilst our cleaner is away.

Please do have a word with Margi if you can assist.

FLOWERS

Would you be happy to bring bunches of flowers to put in Cathedral vases (no arranging necessary) on a rota? This would hugely help us keep the Cathedral feeling loved and bright over the summer months. If you could do this, please sign up on the list in the Narthex—the more we can have—the fewer times necessary! Many thanks.

CATHEDRAL BIBLE STUDY

Next meets on Tuesday 14th May, 10.45 for 11 at
Gigulum, Benvoullin Rd

We will be picking up from Mark 14 v 32.

Please contact Donald for more details.

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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