

## Who's Who at St. John's

Bishop & Interim Provost	The Right Reverend Kevin Pearson St Moluag's Diocesan Centre Croft Avenue, Oban	01631 570870
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Provost	Vacancy	01631 562323
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### The Vestry

Provost's Warden & Alternate Lay Rep	Mr David Pollard	01631 770342
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Peoples' Warden & Lay Reader	Mr Donald Shell	01631 562688
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Secretary	Miss Margaret Sime
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Treasurer	Dr Peter Kemp
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Lay Rep	Mr Colum Scott
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Member	Mr Mark Evett
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Member / Social Secretary	Mrs Jenny Moody
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Member	Mrs Fiona Kincaid
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Member	Mrs Susannah Hughes
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### Other useful contacts

Organist & Choir Master	Mr Norman Nicholson	01631 710335
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PVG & Lettings Secretary	Dr Sue Pollard	01631 770342
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Gift Aid Secretary	Mrs Susannah Hughes
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### Assistant Clergy

The Revd Ian Walter		01631 564855
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# The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine



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**Sunday Services in the Cathedral**

10.15am Sung Eucharist

**Wednesday**

11am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel followed by fellowship

Children are welcome to all of our services and there is a Gospel based children's area within the church for their use if needed.

**St. James', Ardbrecknish**

3pm Holy Communion, Third Sunday of the month.

**Kilbrandon**

3.15pm On the first Sunday of the month, there is a Eucharist at the Kilbrandon parish church.

If you are unable to attend church and would like to receive Home Communion, please contact the Provost.

	Welcome	Intercessor	Coffee
September 3rd Pentecost 13	Sue Pollard	Mt 16. 21-28 David Pollard	Jenny Ada
September 10th	Joan Kemp	Mt 18. 15-20 Ian Walter	Jenny Di
September 17th	Gordon Shearer	Mt 18.21-35 Vanessa Kilpatrick	Christine Margaret
September 24th	Ada MacKay	Mt 20. 1-16 Joan Kemp	Jenny Lilian
October 1st	Colin Lintott	Mt 21. 23-32 David Pollard	Ada Jenny
October 8th	Di Parson	Mt 21. 33-46 Donald Shell	Christine Kate
October 15th	Roger Parry	Mt 22. 1-14 Vanessa Kilpatrick	Lilian Jenny
October 22nd	Sue Pollard	Mt 22. 15-22 Richard Hess	Di Margaret
October 29th	Donald Shell	Mt 22. 34-46 Ian Walter	Christine Jenny
November 5th	Gordon Shearer	Mt 23. 1-12 Vanessa Kilpatrick	Jenny Ada
November 12th	Vanessa Kilpatrick	Mt 25. 1-13 Joan Kemp	Mark Penny
November 19th	Peter Kemp	Mt 25. 14-30 Richard Hess	Christine Kate
November 26th	Joan Kemp	Mt 25. 31-46 David Pollard	Jenny Lilian
December 3rd	Sue Pollard	Mk 13. 24-37 Donald Shell	Jenny Ada

	Readings	Reader
September 3rd Pentecost 13	Ex 3. 1-15 Romans 12. 9-21	Joy Blakeney
September 10th Proper 23	Ex 12. 1-14 Romans 13. 8-14	Colum Scott
September 17th Proper 24	Ex 14. 19-31 Romans 14. 1-12	Jim MacLeod
September 24th Proper 25	Ex 16. 2-15 Phil 1. 21-30	Brian Lintott
October 1st Proper 26	Ex 17. 1-7 Phil 2. 1-13	Irene Main
October 8th Proper 27	Ex 20. 1-4,7-9,12-20 Phil 3. 4b-14	Marjory Gilmour
October 15th Proper 28	Ex 32. 1-14 Phil 4. 1-9	Jenny McEvoy
October 22nd Proper 29	Ex 33. 12-23 1 Th 1. 1-10	Margaret Sime
October 29th Proper 30	Dt 34. 1-12 1 Th 2. 1-8	Sarah Campbell
November 5th Proper 31	Jos 3. 7-17 1 Th 2. 9-13	Sarah Cresswell
November 12th Proper 32	Jos 24. 1-3a, 14-25 1 Th 4. 13-18	Peter Kemp
November 19th Proper 33	Jg 4.1-7 1 Th 5. 1-11	Christine Marlow
November 26th Christ the King	Ezek 34. 11-16, 20-24 Eph 1. 15-23	Sue Pollard
December 3rd 1 Advent	Is 64. 1-9 1 Cor 1. 3-9	Fiona Kincaid

*Dear Friends,*

*“Faith is a bird that feels dawn breaking and sings while it is still dark”.*

*That quotation has so much to say about how we experience faith as individuals. So much to say about how our congregation experiences the loss, the darkness of not having the ordained leadership of a Provost at the moment. So much to say about what our congregation has to offer in our liturgy and worship. Our experience of God we sometimes describe in terms of feelings. Feelings are very fragile experiences, as small birds are fragile and faith is fragile. We live in a world and an age where faith in God is constantly called into question by terrorist attacks, natural disasters, all of which we know more about than ever through modern technology. The paradox is being able to see on television, the internet, the ubiquitous i-phone, all of these things which allow us to be in constant touch. Far from bringing the security we all crave they actually make us feel incredibly insecure, fragile, and we worry, and worry and worry.*

*Many people say that faith stops our worrying because we know everything will be alright in the eternal end. Again there is the paradox of faith, Our Lord Jesus Christ promised that indeed no need to worry because Solomon in all his glory couldn't beat a flower. Yet*

*Jesus suffered worry, the mental anguish of being deserted by friends. Physical pain in crucifixion and spiritual torment in the Gethsemane of questions, doubts, confusion. In the gospels we see Jesus in all of these situations as fragile, appearing to lack security but in Jesus we see God as He really is.*

*The story of the resurrection is the story of love which leaves the tomb, death, failure, disappointment behind. The story of the resurrection proves that faith is worthwhile because love is worthwhile. Fragile as love may feel at times it is the warmth of a hand in friendship, the touch of care, the word of understanding, the smile of acceptance. These are the things around which the story of Jesus revolves because these are tokens of love and love is of God. Fragile as it may feel and appear love gives our lives meaning and purpose, faith recognises that fact.*

*Fragile as a bird, love feels the hope, promise, of love we see in Jesus own story. It is that love which brings the hope of dawn even when guilt, regret, fear are still dark within us.*

*In the life of our congregation as we seek new ordained leadership we feel a new dawn breaking. A vacancy is a time of great opportunity in which we may learn a little bit more about ourselves, a little bit more about other people and a little bit more about*

If you are on a rota and unable to carry out your duty, can you please arrange a swap and let Donald know. If you are on the coffee rota and have to swap, can you please let Jenny Moody know. Many thanks.

	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
September 3rd Pentecost 13	Colin Lintott	
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### Flower Rota

September 3rd	Christine Marlow	October 22nd	Marjory Gilmour
September 10th	Joy Blakeney	October 29th	Marjory Gilmour
September 17th	Joy Blakeney	November 5th	Susannah Hughes
September 24th	Christine Marlow	November 12th	Susannah Hughes
October 1st	Isobelle Smith	November 19th	Christine Marlow
October 8th	Harvest all helpers please	November 26th	Christine Marlow
October 15th	Isobelle Smith	December 3rd	Advent— no flowers

### BRASS ROTA

September 2017	Mrs Parson Mrs Kilpatrick	March 2018	Mrs Marlow Mrs Isaac
October 2017	Miss Huntingford Mrs Files	April 2018	Mrs Parson Mrs Kilpatrick
November 2017	Mrs Marlow Mrs Isaac	May 2018	Miss Huntingford Mrs Files
December 2017	Mrs Parson Mrs Kilpatrick		
January 2018	Miss Huntingford Mrs Files		
February 2018	Mr & Mrs Evetts		

*God. Not because we simply have to work more closely together to keep things going but because the Holy Spirit is constantly asking the questions. Why is faith so important to us; what does the Word of scripture say to us; how does the liturgy make God's presence real to us. These are the great questions of faith which we face and which help us make sense of the world in which we live. These are the great questions which many in our community experience in the darkness of their worries and regrets. What we have to share in liturgy and worship is an experience of the living God. The reality of faith is that we learn to seek God, to pray, in the darkest places and celebrate God's presence and love when we meet together. Faith is never easy but it is exciting because we feel dawn breaking. There is hope, there is our confidence as we look forward to seeking a new Provost.*

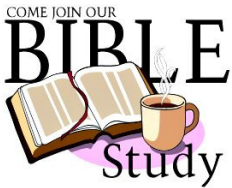
*+Kevin, Argyll & The Isles*



Bishop Kevin with Lara, Anjola and Tosin Obata



## Notices



Bible Study will recommence on

**Tuesday 29th August**

Considering Acts chapter 12.

Now **10.45am**, at Gigulum, Benvoullin Rd,  
(562688)

Anyone welcome, whether former attender or not.  
Coffee and discussion finishing around 12 noon.

### Harvest Thanksgiving

**8th October 2017**

Please bring donations of non-perishable food (pasta, rice, tins, tea, coffee, sugar etc) which will be donated to Hope Kitchen.

**No fresh food thank you.**

### Charity Sale

The annual Charity Sale will be held on Saturday, 18th November in the Narthex.

All donations of baking and help will be very gratefully received.

### Ecumenical Advent Carol Service

The Carol Service will take place on Advent Sunday,  
December 3rd at 3.30pm.

### Oban Music Society

On Saturday, 9th September, at 7.30pm in St John's, our new Steinway will be put through its paces by Peter Evans.

The evening will end with a cheese and wine reception.  
Admission is free!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

An acrostic prayer of thanksgiving

Happy are those who have bread to eat!

As grain grows in the fields and

Rains bring the water of life we share

Visions of all your people united in

Eternal praise and kneaded together to

Share good news of justice and peace:

Taste and see that the Lord is good!



### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### RIP

Janet Butterworth

Caroline Gilfillan

Iain Alexander (Alastair) MacEwan

#### BAPTISM

Anjolaowata Lucas Daniel Obata

### Thursday Coffee Morning Rota

September 7th	Lilian Jenny
September 14th	Sarah Jenny
September 21th	Marjory Katie
September 28th	Christine Jenny

If the date is inconvenient for you, please arrange to swap and also let Jenny know. Many thanks.