

# **The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine**



**Spring 2018  
Quarterly Magazine**



## **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.

*Dear Friends,*

*The excitement of life with God lies in the fact that in Our Lord Jesus Christ we see God as God really is. Read the gospels and you see that all the people who come to Jesus from Zacchaeus the tax collector, to Peter the impetuous, the woman taken in adultery to Jairus the ruler. All these people came to Jesus with a "past". Jesus simply responded to the person in front of him. Jesus never said go away and change and then come back to me. Jesus knew the stories of those in front of him, he knew but accepted them for who they were, human beings made in the image of God. The depth of Jesus understanding of the brash young lawyer, that depth of understanding is the understanding and acceptance we seek through faith in God. And yet, the paradox is we see God as God really is in Jesus so that understanding acceptance is ours in love we experience in relationships, even if it is known only by its absence. God is love and that is how we describe and know God. The paradox is that in those moments, perhaps years, of our lives when we feel God is absent often we seek for God, yearn for God more than ever. And if we face that wilderness within, the wilderness of absence and yearning then in the midst of that wilderness and desert we may come across an oasis of meaning and purpose which gives us just enough nourishment to journey on to meet God in new people,*

new experiences. That is what Lent is all about and it is to be remembered Jesus sought the desert wilderness, the Holy Spirit of God, God in us, drove him into the wilderness, the desert. For us that is the wilderness, desert within. Paradoxically again, Jesus who shows us who and how and where God is, Jesus sought silence solitude wilderness to encounter God more closely.

Why? The answer is in the picture of Jesus on the reredos behind the High Altar.

The last time I wrote in this magazine I quoted the old catechism class hymn on the church's year and I offered a symbol and a thought on the seasons covered by the magazine. The church's year covers every aspect of our human experience, that is the excitement of life with God, the excitement of faith. And so I take up where I left off;

Yes and Christ ascended too,  
To prepare a place for you;

Symbol: The picture of Jesus' ascension on the reredos.

Thought: Significantly the gospel for the Sunday before Lent is the gospel of the Transfiguration. In Lent we enter our own wilderness within to recognise the memories of guilt, regret, all those bits of ourselves we would rather be without. Those bits that can crucify us, bring death as surely as crucifixion. The paradox of faith is through the cross came resurrection new

*life. The verse of the hymn ends:*

*So we give him special praise  
After those great Forty Days. (of Easter).*

*The picture of Jesus' ascension on the reredos is the  
picture of the 360 degree appraisal of our lives.*

*Then, he sent the Holy Ghost,  
On the Day of Pentecost,*

*Symbol:* *The Prayer Tree by the western wall.*

*Thought:* *Paradox is the very heart of Christian faith.  
God is love and yet we never feel totally wanted,  
accepted, understood. God is with us and yet often we  
know God only by absence.*

*The prayer tree is populated by requests for prayer,  
often from people who write they have no faith, never  
come to worship. They write because they ask for  
prayers because the Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost, God in us,  
brings them to write. And we pray because God is with  
us and we know in Jesus we see God as God really is so  
in prayer we show God's understanding, acceptance,  
LOVE.*

*With us ever to abide:  
Well may we keep Whitsuntide!  
Last of all, we humbly sing  
Glory to our God and King,  
Glory to the One in Three,  
On the Feat of Trinity.*

Symbol: *The iron girders in the Nave.*

Thought: *The girders support the incomplete building. We are Kingdom's builders, but we are incomplete, our attempts to love are incomplete, God's Kingdom is incomplete.*

*In Jesus we see God as God really is in the questions of Gethsemane, in the disappointment of the Tomb, in the light of resurrection. In that light we see that we are incomplete in our building of the Kingdom of God.*

*And yet, we are upheld, strong, able to stand because of the paradox of the cross. The paradox that in the light of the resurrection even excellence is not enough but failure can be redeemed.*

*+Kevin, Argyll & The Isles, February 2018*

**New Provost Appointed to St John's Cathedral and St James,  
Ardbrecknish**

On announcing the appointment, subject to the usual checks, Bishop Kevin said, "The Rev'd Margaret (Margi) Campbell comes to us as the result of a process of discernment, in which we sought the guidance of God's Holy Spirit in our search for new leadership at the Cathedral. Margi comes to us with a wealth of experience in congregational ministry and is making the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ real through worship and liturgy. The role of Provost is one which has an enormous contribution to make in the life of the Diocese. We welcome Margi as we enter the second year of "Living Our Vision", our Diocesan mission programme. Truly, we are blessed with a priest of vision, energy, and



enthusiasm for being a disciple of Our Lord Jesus Christ”

Margi says, “It is with real joy and anticipation that I introduce myself to you, as together with my husband, we look forward to meeting everyone and beginning a new stage of our pilgrimage of discovery.

I am married to James, an organist and music

teacher and we have two grown-up boys: Ben - a research physicist and Tom- who is just completing his MA in Wildlife Filmmaking (filming his final project on Mull at the moment).

I grew up in Kent in a church family, singing in the choir and running the youth group; before moving to Somerset and teaching music in a Primary School. I was heavily involved in our church’s children’s work before answering God’s call through Reader ministry to Ordination. Music and liturgy have been at the heart of all my parish and diocesan ministry, exploring how we can be both missional and welcoming in our worship. This was the topic of my Sabbatical in 2016 which first brought us to Argyll and Iona. Many years visiting Skye had revealed our deep love of the culture and music, landscape and spirituality of the Highlands – all of which God used to nudge us gently towards Argyll and the Isles as we opened our eyes and found ourselves to be at home.

So now we come to share in the heritage of Moluag, Columba and all the generations of followers, as we seek ways of engaging and sharing the good news of Christ to those around us. I come, knowing that I have much to learn as I transfer all my experiences into the Scottish



Episcopal Church- but do so with confidence because of the wonderfully warm welcome that we have already felt from those we have met.

Soon we will be joining the worshipping life of St John's Cathedral, St James Ardbrecknish, the gathered community at Kilbrandon, together with the Diocese and Province. I pray that all we will discover together will further the Kingdom promise of hope and expectation; opening many more hearts and minds to the love of God."



The Vestry and Congregation  
of the Cathedral Church of St John the Divine  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the Collation and Installation of  
The Reverend Margaret Ruth Campbell as  
Rector and Provost of St John's Cathedral, Oban

on Friday 25th May 2018 at 6pm  
and afterwards at the Argyllshire Gathering Halls

**RSVP**

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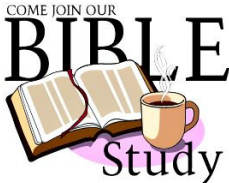
## Notices

### Summer Welcoming in The Cathedral

This is a fun job actually. It is during the week and makes a big difference to our visitors' enjoyment. Two hours of welcoming at a time is about right, I have found, but a shorter spell would be appreciated too.

If you feel able to help with this very worthwhile contribution could you please give me a ring 01852-316-272 or email me

[dandvkilpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:dandvkilpatrick@gmail.com). *Vanessa Kilpatrick*



Bible Study on the last Tuesday of the month. Anyone welcome, whether former attender or not. Coffee and discussion finishing around 12 noon.

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

### Summer Coffee 2018

This will be our 5th year of Thursday summer coffees as a money raiser to help with Cathedral finances.

The coffee mornings will run from 10th May through to 21st September. Coffee will be served between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm, requiring two volunteers from 9.45 am through to 1 pm to allow for setting up and clearing away.

Would you be able to do a shift once a month? The more volunteers we have will make it easier to fill the rota.

Can you help out with baking? We are losing three bakers this year due to moving away leaving quite a void to fill.

Please get in touch with me, Lilian Kermode, if you can in any way help out. My phone number is 01631 571009. Or e-mail [lkermode47@btinternet.com](mailto:lkermode47@btinternet.com)



Keeping  
a Holy Lent

## Lent Group

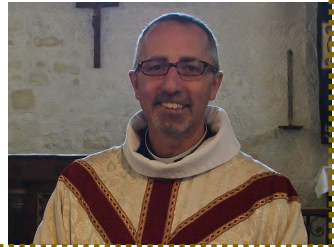
The meetings will take place after the 11.00am Eucharist each Wednesday from February 21st to March 21st and will be linked to the Diocesan programme *From Membership to Discipleship*. All are welcome—please bring a Bible with you.

### Easter at St John's Cathedral

Rev Dr Keith Riglin will be joining Bishop Kevin to provide services in the Cathedral daily during Holy Week. Further details will be displayed in the Cathedral.

Rev Dr Keith Riglin has for some years had Permission to Officiate within Argyll & The Isles and has spent time on Skye and in Lochgilphead during their vacancies.

He has been a chaplain at King's College, London since 2012. He and his wife, Jennifer ( a Methodist presbyter and superintendent minister) have two grown up daughters.



### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### RIP

Anyone who remembers Judith Gubbins (nee Wimbush), the daughter of Richard Wimbush, Bishop of Argyll and Primus of The Scottish Episcopal Church in the 1960s and 1970s will be sad to hear that Judith died on January 22nd in Ampleforth, Yorkshire, where she and her husband Michael had retired. Sadly, Michael died a few years ago in an accident.

Judith's funeral was on Feb.14th. This is a sad loss to her family, her friends and to the Church of a strong, kind and steadfast person. VK

**OBAN SYMPHONY**  
**by**  
**Norman Nicholson**  
**FIRST PERFORMANCE**

Please note that the first performance of Norman Nicholson's Oban Symphony is to take place on Tuesday, March 20th at 7.30pm in the Corran Hall. It will be played by Oban Bach Orchestra, for whom it was written. Three other short pieces by Norman Nicholson will make up the programme, with Oban Bach Choir joining the orchestra to perform an extract from the cantata *Saint Columba of Iona*, Brass Tacks getting things off to a festive start with a brass quintet, and the Dohnanyi Trio playing arrangements of traditional Scottish airs.

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Oban Bach Choir and Orchestra are also giving a concert in St John's Cathedral on Saturday, May 12th at 7.30pm. The main work to be performed is one of the great mass settings of the Classical period, Hadyn's *Harmoniemesse*.

**Flower Rota**

Thanks for all those that have helped with flowers in the past. There will be no flowers during Lent and, thereafter, we will be using silk flowers. However, we will be using fresh flowers for Easter so all helpers are asked to come along on Easter Saturday. We will also provide a special floral tribute for the installation of our new Provost so all helpers required at that time.

**BRASS ROTA**

|            |                               |            |                              |
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| March 2018 | Mrs Marlow<br>Mrs Isaac       | April 2018 | Mrs Parson<br>Mrs Kilpatrick |
| May 2018   | Miss Huntingford<br>Mrs Files | June 2018  | Mr & Mrs Evetts              |

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 Lilian Kermodie know. Many thanks.

## Servers' Rota

|                              | <b>Crucifer</b> | <b>Acolytes</b>                                        |
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| March 4th<br>3rd of Lent     | Joan Kemp       |                                                        |
| March 11th<br>4th of Lent    | Peter Kemp      |                                                        |
| March 18th<br>5th of Lent    | Brian Lintott   |                                                        |
| March 25th<br>Palm Sunday    | Peter Kemp      | Joan Kemp<br>Colin Lintott                             |
| April 1st<br>Easter Day      | David Pollard   | Brian or Colin<br>Lintott (if required as<br>Thurifer) |
| April 8th<br>2nd of Easter   | Joan Kemp       |                                                        |
| April 15th<br>3rd of Easter  | Peter Kemp      |                                                        |
| April 22nd<br>4th of Easter  | Colin Lintott   |                                                        |
| April 29th<br>5th of Easter  | Brian Lintott   |                                                        |
| May 6th<br>6th of Easter     | David Pollard   |                                                        |
| May 10th<br>Ascension        | Brian Lintott   |                                                        |
| May 13th<br>7th of Easter    | Joan Kemp       |                                                        |
| May 20th<br>Day of Pentecost | Peter Kemp      |                                                        |
| May 27th<br>Trinity Sunday   | Colin Lintott   |                                                        |
| June 3rd<br>Pentecost 2      | David Pollard   |                                                        |

|                                               | <b>Readings</b>                      | <b>Reader</b>    |
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| March 4th<br>3rd of Lent                      | Romans 4.13-25<br>Mark 8.31-38       | Brian Lintott    |
| March 11th<br>4th of Lent<br>Mothering Sunday | Numbers 21.4-9<br>Ephesians 2.1-10   | Sue Pollard      |
| March 18th<br>5th of Lent                     | Jer 31.31-34<br>Hebrews 5.5-10       | Sarah Cresswell  |
| March 25th<br>Palm Sunday                     | Isaiah 50.4-9a<br>Phil 2.5-11        | Marjory Gilmour  |
| April 1st<br>Easter Day                       | Isaiah 25.6-9<br>Acts 10.34-43       | Irene Main       |
| April 8th<br>2nd of Easter                    | Acts 4.32-35<br>1 John 1.1-2.2       | Jenny McEvoy     |
| April 15th<br>3rd of Easter                   | Acts 3.12-19<br>1 John 3.1-7         | John MacFarlane  |
| April 22nd<br>4th of Easter                   | Acts 4.5-12<br>1 John 3.16-24        | Jim MacLeod      |
| April 29th<br>5th of Easter                   | Acts 8.26-40<br>1 John 4.7-21        | Sarah Campbell   |
| May 6th<br>6th of Easter                      | Acts 10.44-48<br>1 John 5.1-6        | Margaret Sime    |
| May 13th<br>7th of Easter                     | Acts 1.15-17, 21-26<br>1 John 5.9-13 | Joy Blakeney     |
| May 20th<br>Day of Pentecost                  | Ezekiel 37.1-14<br>Acts 2.1-21       | Marilyn Garabet  |
| May 27th<br>Trinity Sunday                    | Isaiah 6.1-8<br>Romans 8.12-17       | Christine Marlow |
| June 3rd<br>Pentecost 2                       | Genesis 3.8-15<br>2 Cor 4.13-5.1     | Colum Scott      |

|                                               | <b>Welcome</b>     | <b>Intercessor</b>                         | <b>Coffee</b>                    |
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| March 4th<br>3rd of Lent                      | Roger Parry        | John 2.13-22<br>Joan Kemp                  | Jenny Moody<br>Margaret Sime     |
| March 11th<br>4th of Lent<br>Mothering Sunday | Donald Shell       | John 3.14-21<br>David Pollard              | Lilian Kermode<br>Di Parson      |
| March 18th<br>5th of Lent                     | Ada MacKay         | John 12.20-33<br>Donald Shell              | Christine Marlow<br>Donald Shell |
| March 25th<br>Palm Sunday                     | Di Parson          | Mark 14.1-15,47<br>George Cringles         | Ada MacKay<br>Susannah Hughes    |
| April 1st<br>Easter Day                       | Sue Pollard        | John 20.1-18<br>Vanessa Kilpatrick         | Jenny Moody<br>Fiona Kincaid     |
| April 8th<br>2nd of Easter                    | Gordon Shearer     | John 20.19-31<br>Joan Kemp                 | Di Parson<br>Christine Marlow    |
| April 15th<br>3rd of Easter                   | Di Parson          | Luke 24.36b-48<br>Richard Hess             | Lilian Kermode<br>Donald Shell   |
| April 22nd<br>4th of Easter                   | Vanessa Kilpatrick | John 10.11-18<br>David Pollard             | Mark & Penny<br>Evetts           |
| April 29th<br>5th of Easter                   | Colin Lintott      | John 15.1-8<br>George Cringles             | Ada MacKay<br>Margaret Sime      |
| May 6th<br>6th of Easter                      | Roger Parry        | John 15.9-17<br>Vanessa Kilpatrick         | Jenny Moody<br>Christine Marlow  |
| May 13th<br>7th of Easter                     | Donald Shell       | John 17.6-19<br>Joan Kemp                  | Lilian Kermode<br>Ada MacKay     |
| May 20th<br>Day of Pentecost                  | Peter Kemp         | John 15.26-27,<br>16.4b-15<br>Richard Hess | Di Parson<br>Donald Shell        |
| May 27th<br>Trinity Sunday                    | Joan Kemp          | John 3.1-17<br>Donald Shell                | Mark & Penny<br>Evetts           |
| June 3rd<br>Pentecost 2                       | Sue Pollard        | Mark 3.20-35<br>Vanessa Kilpatrick         | Lilian Kermode<br>Jenny Moody    |

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

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

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| Provost's Warden &<br>Alternate Lay Rep | Mr David Pollard | 01631 770342 |
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| Peoples' Warden &<br>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 Lilian Kermode |  |
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| Member | Mrs Fiona Kincaid |  |
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| Member | Mrs Susannah Hughes |  |
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### Other useful contacts

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

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| The Revd Ian Walter |  | 01631 564855 |
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