



### ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Every Sunday	10.15am	Cathedral Sung Eucharist
2nd & 4th Sundays	5pm	Fellowship @ 5 Informal worship
3rd Sundays	5.15pm	Evensong
Wednesdays	11am	Shorter Cathedral Eucharist
Thursdays	10am	Morning Prayer

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH	May 10 @ 11am
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON	May 3 @ 3.30pm
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL	May 10 @ 11.30am



### SUNDAY APRIL 26 EASTER 4

**10.15am** Sung Eucharist with children's activities in the Columba Chapel and coffee to follow  
Celebrant: The Provost. Preacher: Emily D'Silva –Ordinand

**5pm** Fellowship @ 5 – Exploring the Parables

Mon 27		Women's Group <i>see below</i>
	6.45pm	Evening walk with Paul... <i>See below</i>
Tue 28	2pm	'Rewilding the Church' Book discussion – Narthex <i>See page 2 for details</i>
Wed 29	11am	Shorter Eucharist with coffee
	12.45pm	Sitting with Silence – Lady Chapel <i>see below</i>
	1pm	Men's Lunch – Wetherspoons <i>see below</i>
	6.30pm	Climate Cafe <i>see below</i>
Thu 30	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30-11.30	Coffee Morning <i>help urgently needed – see p 3</i>
	7pm	Cathedral Choir Practice

### SUNDAY MAY 3 EASTER 5

**10.15am** Sung Eucharist with children's activities in the St Columba Chapel and coffee to follow  
**3.30pm** Episcopal Eucharist in Kibrandon (Isle of Seil)

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## Fellowship @ 5

All Welcome for music, prayer & discussion with food  
Focus on...  
**Parables**

Every 2nd & 4th Sundays  
5pm  
St John's, Narthex, George Street  
#inclusive #open #informal



Wednesday April 29th  
@ 1pm at Wetherspoons.  
**Chat, Ciabattas & Company...**  
come and enjoy and bring a pal too if you want.  
Contact Paul Watson on 07943026773 or just turn up!



### An Evening Walk with Paul

Join Paul for a short walk on a lovely evening...  
Monday April 27th at 6.45pm  
Meet at the gate to Telegraph Hill to wander to the mast and maybe along the ridge. Contact Paul if you are interested on 07943026773

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### Oban Waste Reduction Project

Come and be part of our project to reduce waste and save money in our local area

Wednesday 29th April  
18.30-20.00  
St John's Cathedral, George St

TIME FOR CHANGE

St John's Cathedral

## Women's Group

### Women's Group

Meeting fortnightly from Monday April 27th. For time & venue contact Ina (07854562210) or Mal (07548366545) *All welcome*

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## Sitting with Silence

A time for silent reflection with others... with a short guided introduction  
**12.40 – 1.15pm in the Lady Chapel**  
Facilitated by Peter Johnson & Rosemary Power

April 29 May 27 June 24

A chance afterwards to eat lunches together in the Narthex  
*All are always welcome*

# EASTER 4

READINGS

Acts 2: 42-47 John 14: 1-14

HYMNS

NEH 103 NEH 457 SP 158 SP 157 COMMUNION: SP 314

## COLLECT (prayer for the week)

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.

## PRAYERS

**Province:** Primus Mark, the Scottish Episcopal Institute and all in the discernment process.

**Diocese** – Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul: Canon Missioner; Tom, chaplain R.N.; Canon Ian, Assistant priest (rtd). The people of St Columba's, Portree, St Michael and All Angels, Raasay, and St Mary's, Sleat: The Rev'd Iain Osborne.

**Anglican Communion** – Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh: the Church of Nigeria: Primate: Henry Chukwudum Ndokuba

**Porvoo Communion** – Glasgow & Galloway: Bp Nick Bundock; Göteborg/Gothenburg Sweden: Bp Susanne Rappmann

We continue to pray for churches in Ukraine and the Anglican Churches in Gaza and across the Middle East. ... all places where violence and pain disrupt and destroy lives. We pray for the peace negotiations between the US, Iran, Israel and Lebanon and for peace across the world, in homes and hearts.

We pray for the Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN and all military chaplains in their service of spiritual and pastoral care  
We pray for our community – for all in hospitality, all in retail and services as the season busies and our area welcomes many visitors – may they know rest and restoration.

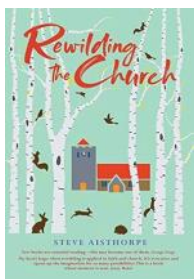
We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed: may they know God's healing and strength, hope, renewal, especially for families and all caring for those nearing the end of life, ,

We pray with all who mourn – giving thanks for the lives of those we see no longer but now rejoice in God's heavenly Kingdom, remembering especially the life of Anne Weavind...formerly a faithful worshipper in the Cathedral before moving to live with family in Germany. May she, with all God's faithful, rest in peace and rise in glory.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIM PRAYER

God of the pilgrim path,  
you have walked with your people through the ages:  
across sea and mountain, through silence and song.  
Bless the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles –  
its islands and shores, its churches and people.  
Renew in us the spirit of pilgrimage:  
Courage to set out, faith to keep walking,  
And joy in the encounters along the way.  
May our journey together reveal your Kingdom  
And our life together reflect your love,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## GOING DEEPER IN FAITH



### EASTER TO PENTECOST

Join Margi in reading 'REWILDING THE CHURCH' by STEVE AISTHORPE...not about the green algae inhabiting some of our damp walls, but rediscovering the essential joy of faith, often buried under strategies and essential building works; letting God breath new life into dry bones and the breath of the Spirit fire us afresh.

Steve Aisthorpe, based in the Highlands, reminds us " *the resurrected Christ is still in the business of transformation...the gospel still has the power to bring freedom and wholeness ...to renovate hearts, renew lives and create vibrant and transformative communities...* " " *The rewilding of the Church draws on the resurrection power at its heart through innovation, asking new questions and going back to foundational considerations, refocusing on following Jesus and loving neighbours and being open-minded about what emerges...* "

Read and meet to discuss....

**Tuesdays April 28th, May 5th, May 12th at 2pm-3pm in the Narthex**

### PENTECOST and onwards

In June we will have a month of **Pilgrim Reflections** – leading us into Bishop David's vision for the Diocese

*Pilgrim People*

an invitation into a story about who we are, whose we are, and how God is calling us to walk together in faith across Argyll and The Isles in the years ahead. In preparation for this we use the prayer above and begin to ponder the question... 'What story do we want to tell about the life God has entrusted to us together, and how does that story shape the way we serve our neighbours and communities?'

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# ORGAN FUND APPEAL 2025/6



## AN EVENING IN KILBRANDON CHURCH ISLE OF SEIL

### FEATURING

ORGAN MUSIC ~ JAMES CAMPBELL  
SEIL SOUND CHOIR ~ LED BY MAGGIE THORPE  
POEMS BY KENNETH STEVEN  
TALKS ON THE DR DOUGLAS STRACHAN WINDOWS  
PLUS REFRESHMENTS

MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2026 @ 7PM

*All are warmly welcome*

# St John's Cathedral Organ Appeal 2025/6

New leaflets available with the story so far....

In the summer of 2025 we embarked on the enormous task of raising the £55,500 to buy and install our new organ.

From July onwards many fundraising events took place and donations came in from local supporters and overseas friends... and as Christmas approached we had raised a staggering £43,500.

Now we are renewing our Appeal to bring us even closer to the £55,500

We were delighted to welcome **The Blow-In's** who are giving a concert for us tonight (April 25th) at 7pm ...we are so grateful for their time and support and look forward to their music.

The next concert can be seen adjacent, where **Kilbrandon Church** are giving a concert to support us.

Watch out then for a series of Concerts in July, we hope to have an **Inaugural Concert with a Guest Organist**, followed by a series of informal concerts by resident musicians.

St John's Cathedral  
**Coffee Morning**  
Every Thursday  
10.30am ~ 11.30am  
Time to chat....  
Everyone Welcome  
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## Come along for a coffee and chat

We meet every week, congregation members, locals and visitors to enjoy a cup of coffee/ tea/ chocolate...with cake/ biscuits... along with chat and company.

We'd love to welcome you to join in, or if you are able to spare the odd hour, please consider helping! **We are urgently in need** of more volunteers to keep this important time of outreach and hospitality running... A sign up sheet is in the narthex if you can help...

We also raise money for the Cathedral!

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL  
**Dads & Toddlers**  
anyone can be cool, but awesome takes practice.  
NEXT: Saturday May 9th  
Bairns...banter...and bacon rolls.  
Second Saturday of every month  
9.30am-11am  
St John's Cathedral Hall (behind Coasters)  
Contact: Paul 07943026773 for more information  
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### CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2026 OSCR: SC016664 EX-OFFICIO

Provost as Chair  
Rectors Warden — Ken Oxland — *plus Assisting Finance*  
Peoples Warden & Synod Lay Rep — Colum Scott  
Alt Synod Lay Rep — Daniel Stollard  
Lead Property — Ken and Colum  
Secretary — Margaret Sime  
Observing Ordinand: Emily D'Silva  
Observing Clergy staff: Canon Paul Watson

### CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

Members: Mark Evetts, Jenny McEvoy, Joy Blakeney, John Murphy, Catriona Petit  
Safeguarding: Catriona Petit  
Assisting: Mel Crossley (not vestry)

**WAYS of GIVING to the CATHEDRAL** We are so grateful to all who give to the Cathedral to safeguard our present & future

**BANK:** RBS, George St, Oban Sort Code: 83-26-04  
Acc: 00178722 St John's Cathedral Oban

### For overseas donations

our IBAN is : GB46RBOS83260400178722  
IBAN BIC (SWIFT) RBOSGB2L

For BACS gifts please enter name or 'anonymous donation' to help with book-keeping.

**STEWARDSHIP /GIFT AID** contact Susannah Hughes  
Via website contact page

### CAF — Charities Aid Foundation

We are now registered for direct payments through CAF — as 'Cathedral of St John the Divine' find under that title or at

<https://www.cafonline.org/system/donate?dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbc8f5ac>

### CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION

#### CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN

**The Very Rev'd Canon Margi Campbell** *Non work days (2) Friday*

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Diocese: dean@argyll.anglican.org

#### Assisting Priest/ Diocesan Canon Missioner

**The Rev'd Canon Paul Watson**

07943026773 *limited hours at Cathedral*

missioner@argyll.anglican.org

Assisting Priest (Rtd) **The Rev'd Canon Ian Walter**

Assisting Priest: (NSM) **The Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chapn RN**

**Cathedral Director of Music: James Campbell**

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### The Cathedral can now take **CARD PAYMENTS**

Our Card Reader can take Weekly collection, Donations or Coffee by card. **Please do give it a go!** It will be on the book desk on arrival and at coffee. We hope that this will help as less cash is carried and help those banking!