



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON

ADVENT 4 ...CHRISTMAS...EPIPHANY.....JAN 5TH



DIARY

SUN DEC 22nd Advent 4

10.15am Cathedral Sung Eucharist
5pm Fellowship @ 5 ~ Carols, Readings & Cake
Informal worship to herald the Christ-child—all welcome!

Mon 23rd 10 - 12noon Decorating poles/ candles with Margi
Other decorating at any time

CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm Family Carols at the Crib
11.15pm Midnight Mass
Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop David

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.15am Cathedral Christmas Celebration Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: The Provost
11am Christmas Eucharist @ St James'
Celebrant & Preacher: The Curate

Fri 27th 12noon Funeral of Canon Dr Peter Kemp

*The Provost will be taking time off from Saturday Dec 28th until Jan 6th
Please contact the Wardens during that time.*

SUN DEC 29th

10.15am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop David

Wed Jan 1st 11am Shorter Eucharist with Canon Ian
Thu 2nd *No Morning Prayer or Coffee this week*

SUNDAY 5th EPIPHANY

10.15am Sung Eucharist for the Epiphany
Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Ian

Wed 8th 11am Shorter Eucharist

Thu 9th 10am Morning Prayer
10.30– 11.30am Coffee Morning

Fri 10th 11am Funeral for Mary Ann Campbell

Sat 11th 2.30pm OMS Concert—'Fairy Tales'
Elizabeth Turmo *Violin* & Elena Toponogova *Piano*
music inspired by or connected to myth, legend, and folklore.

SUNDAY 12th EPIPHANY

10.15am Sung Eucharist
St John's AGM Reports & Elections after 10.15am service

Mon 13th 12noon Funeral for Rita Gow

MANY THANKS to all who have helped during our Christmas celebrations.. Decorating, serving, stewarding, reading, finances, making & serving refreshments, erecting the tree, changing candles and cleaning brass etc....Special thanks also to our Director of Music and Choir for the wonderful music ~ enhancing our worship at the Carol Service and all that they continue to offer over Christmas. We also thank the donor of our beautiful tree.

THANK YOU SO MUCH... from James & Margi for all the cards and good wishes ~ we wish everyone a truly blessed Christmas

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

Fellowship @ 5

Carols
Readings
Cake

Plus community 'gifting'
*Come along, bring a friend for
this informal worship with cake*

Sunday December 22nd @ 5pm

St John's Episcopal Cathedral, George Street, Oban

Christmas @ the Cathedral

CAROL SERVICE
NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
Thurs Dec 19th ~ 7pm

FAMILY CAROLS @ THE CRIB
Christmas Eve ~ 3pm

MIDNIGHT MASS
Christmas Eve ~ 11.15pm

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST
Christmas Day ~ 10.15am

All invited All welcome

Celebrate Christmas

at St James' Ardbrecknish

Christmas Day
11am
Celebration Communion
and Carols
for all the family

Led by The Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN

All are welcome All are invited

INTERCESSIONS

Full intercessions will return with the January 12th weekly sheet.

Province—Primus Mark. Diocese – Bishop David, Provost Margi; Tom, NSM Curate; Canon Ian, assistant priest (rtd)

For all the churches and places of worship in our Diocese and for all who lead and minister.

For churches in the Anglican Communion and Porvoo

Let us pray through Jesus our Saviour.

Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless, all who seek refuge in places far from home..

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep, all who fear, all in need...

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed for faith, in homes, in places where there is conflict and war ...

Christ, whose star shone brightly, lead us out of darkness, out of sickness through the pain of grief....

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern.....

Christ, whose birth changed lives, be with all who help us, who care for us —families, friends—all emergency and care services, all who enable our daily lives to function through their work....

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you, particularly those lost recently...Peter Kemp, Mary Ann Campbell, Rita Gow...and those we remember especially at this time

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, the perseverance of the Magi and the peace of the Christ-child be with each of us and all for whom we pray

Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary, you know us and love us, you share our lives and hear our prayers.

Be present with us and transform our lives by your birth. Glory to you for ever. Amen.

ADVENT 4 Readings: Micah 5: 2-5a Luke 1: 39-45

Stir up your power, Lord, and come: and strengthen us by the might of your love; that, although we are hindered by our sins, your abundant grace and mercy may quickly come and save us; for you live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

CHRISTMAS EVE Readings: Isaiah 52: 7-10 John 1: 1-14

O God, you have made this most holy night grow radiant with the brilliance of the true Light: grant that, as we have known the mystery of that Light on earth, so we may delight in him in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

CHRISTMAS DAY Readings: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 Luke 21: 1-20

O God, who wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of our human nature: grant that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Dec 29th Readings: Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41– 52

O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our Saviour, so we may with confidence behold him as he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Jan 5th EPIPHANY Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2: 1-12

O God, who, by the guidance of a star, revealed your only-begotten Son to the nations: Grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at the last be led to see your glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Most Cathedral folk know our curate Tom Ebbens is a Royal Naval chaplain, but less of us will know what that involves. BBC Radio 4 in a programme called '**Beyond Belief - Armour of God**', recently featured military chaplaincy in an excellent 30 minute broadcast which is well worth a listen.

You can find it on BBC Sounds dated Tuesday 10th December, or use the following link:

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.co.uk%2Fsounds%2Fplay%2Fm0025vhq%3Fpartner%3Duk.co.bbc%26origin%3Dshare-mobile&data=05%7C02%7Cprovostoban%40argyll.anglican.org%7Ce500008df4dc4c95871208dd1e139c46%7Cf5f8fe8c3aa54a80b08826be8a806989%7C0%7C0%7C638699791776149146%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslAIiOjXaW4zMiIsIkFOljoitWFpbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=K56TEtQVpc7AXaWxTsjj5FBpDLXBmTElasZtzZuPLac%3D&reserved=0>

Thanks to Andy Campbell for submitting this for us to link into.....

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS IN THE CATHEDRAL



DECORATING We warmly welcome everyone to assist with flowers and arrangements to decorate the Cathedral for Christmas. We will gather anytime on Monday December 23rd.

Please join Margi between **10am – 12noon on Monday 23rd** to decorate the candle poles and make small candle arrangements for around the Cathedral...whilst listening to carols and eating mince pies!
Foliage and flowers (white/ red) warmly welcomed

CATHEDRAL CARD EXCHANGE...



If you would like to leave cards for friends at the Cathedral...there will be a table where these can be left...

Do check if there are any for you!

Please take any of your unclaimed cards at Christmas.



Please only leave cards for people you know will be at the Cathedral over Christmas.

CARD TO EVERYONE...

If you'd like to send one card for everyone to read... write your message to the whole congregation and place your card on the screen.

Money saved on cards and stamps can be donated to HOPE KITCHEN. If you'd like to do this, place your gift in a brown envelope marked HOPE and pop into the donations box...



TREE OF LIGHT PRAYERS

If you would like to remember a loved one over Christmas, or pray for peace, the Tree of Light will be in the Lady Chapel from Sunday 22nd Names can be written on stars and placed on the tree.

Please respect confidentiality

CATHEDRAL OPEN TIMES

Christmas Day open until after service
Boxing Day closed

Dec 27th open until after funeral

Dec 28th open as normal

Sun Dec 29th open until after service

Dec 30th open as normal

Dec 31st open as normal

January 1st open for Service

Jan 2nd open as normal

Jan 3rd open as normal

Jan 4th open as normal

Jan 5th open as normal

Thank you to all who open and lock the Cathedral, enabling it to be available for all who come in to visit or pray.

'In the bleak midwinter'

We apologise that we have limited heating working in the Cathedral due to the terminal failure of the hot water radiator system. Please wear extra layers and, if anyone has any spare blankets (clean) we would welcome them to offer out..

New Year Volunteering

Helping Cathedral life...
Have you thought you could help with readings, prayers, welcoming, serving at the altar or serving refreshments...being on the Vestry or helping with maintenance...*Please consider & chat to Margi in the new year*

OBAN MUSIC

@ ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

ELISABETH TURMO

Violin

ELENA
TOPONOGOVA

Piano

Fairy Tales

Music connected to or inspired by myth, legend and folklore...

SATURDAY
JAN 11TH @ 2.30 PM

Tickets £15 on the door

No charge is made for children and young people attending our concerts

Refreshments during interval

<https://www.obanmusicsociety.com/concerts/>

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CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION

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

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CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS

Rectors Warden—Ken Oxland—*plus Assisting Link for Finance*

Peoples Warden & Synod Lay Rep— Colum Scott

Property— Ken and Colum

Link for Finances— David Pollard *plus Alt Synod Rep*

Secretary— Margaret Sime

Stewardship/ Gift Aid— Susannah Hughes

Members: Daniel Stollard, Mark Evetts

Safeguarding: The Provost *Volunteer needed*

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Boney M had a number one hit in 1978 with which Christmas song?
2. When did Christmas Day become a national holiday in Scotland? 1952 / 1958 or 1961
3. Which Christmas carol featured heavily in the Doctor Who Christmas special of 2010, sung by Welsh opera singer Katherine Jenkins?
 - a) Silent Night b) Merry Xmas Everybody c) In the Bleak Midwinter
4. Which was the first song to be broadcast from space when the Gemini 6 crew played a practical joke on Mission Control, suggesting they had spotted a low flying object?
5. In which period was door-to-door carol singing popularised?
 - a) The Tudor Period b) Georgian c) Victorian d) Edwardian
6. Which carol is based on the Ukrainian folk chant *Shchedryk*, which is typically sung to celebrate the New Year? a) Carol of the Bells b) New Year carol c) Joy to the world
7. For which movie did John Williams write arrangements of carols including *O Holy Night*, *Star of Bethlehem* and *Carol of the Bell*?
8. Which country has donated a Christmas tree to Scotland every year since 1949?
9. According to the folklore of Austria what horned figure punishes naughty children at Christmastime?
10. In the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*, what happened every time a bell rang?
11. In Norwegian folklore – what should families hide on Christmas Eve to stop the pranks of mischievous spirits.
12. A Roman holiday held between December 17th to the 23rd had an influence on how Christmas was celebrated. Which god did it celebrate?
13. Who invented the Christmas wreath?
14. Where does the word 'winter' come from?
15. Which country has the most reindeer?
16. Which mountain range in Scotland has resident reindeer?
17. Which Scottish island celebrates Christmas with Ba'Game
18. What were Victorian mince pies made from?
19. True or false: Christmas crackers were invented by a London sweet maker called Tom Smith?
20. When were Christmas crackers invented?
21. In Dundee what is the traditional first footing gift given on Christmas Day?
22. A branch from which tree when burnt at New Year wards off bad luck
23. What colour suit did Santa wear until Coca Cola rebranded him in red?
24. Finish families eat porridge on Christmas morning –in one bowl they hide which of the following as a sign of good luck for the finder ? Almond /coin or lingonberry
25. In which year was the first Christmas card sent?
26. How many tips do snowflakes have?
27. In Sweden, which animal, with powers to stop the devil, was led by St Nicholas...images are now made of straw and red ribbons as decorations and good luck.
28. Which Christmas decoration do the Royal Family not have on their official trees?
29. What were the first manufactured Christmas ornaments made during the 1800's
30. Who took the idea for no 29 to the USA in the late 19th century and sold over \$25million worth per year?
31. What do children in Sweden leave out for Santa?



1. Mary's Boy Child 2. 1958 3. In the bleak midwinter 4. Jingle Bells 5. Victorian
 6. Carol of the Bells 7. Home Alone 8. Norway 9. Krampus 10. An angel got their wings
 11. a broom 12. Saturn 13. German Lutheran pastor – Johann Hinrich Wichern
 14. Wintar (Germanic – wed – wet) 15. Southern Norway 16. Cairngorms
 17. Orkney 18. Minceed beef 19. True 20. 1847 21. Decorated herring
 22. Rowan 23. Green 24. Almond 25. 1843 26. Six 27. Yule goat 28. Tinsel
 29. Glass baubles (by Hans Greiner) 30. F.W.Woolworth 31. Coffee to keep him awake.