



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SERVICES

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

ST JAMES ARDBRECKKNISH Eucharist	AUGUST 2 @ 11am	Canon Tony Sparham
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON	AUGUST 2 @ 3.30pm	Canon Paul
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL Eucharist	AUGUST 2 @ 11am	Canon Ian Wilson

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

10.15am	Sung Eucharist: with Canon Paul <i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
3.30pm	Episcopal Eucharist at Kilbrandon with Canon Paul

Mon 3 — Weds 5th	Hope Argyll 26—details and link on p2
Wed 5	11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee
	12.45pm Mens Group (see p 2)
	2- 3.30pm Ignite Argyll Messy Church at Corran Halls—see below
	7-8.30pm Ignite Argyll Praise Evening at Corran Halls—see below
Thu 6	10am Morning Prayer
	10.30-12noon Coffee Morning with Organ Recital by George Cringles—11-11.40am
	No choir practices throughout August
Sat 8	10am—6pm Drumathon in the Cathedral with Colin Gilbey
	9.30-11am Dad's & Toddlers in Cathedral Halls see p2

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

10.15am	Sung Eucharist & Baptism <i>Children's activities / refreshments</i> Celebrant: Provost Margi Bishop David will preach & baptise his grandson Edward.
5pm	Fellowship @ 5

Provost Margi is off duty from Sunday 2nd—to Tuesday 4th inclusive

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN
ORGAN FUND APPEAL

ORGAN RECITAL & COFFEE

Given by
George Cringles
Assistant Organist at St John's Cathedral

DONATIONS FOR THE FINAL £3,000 TO RAISE!

THURSDAY AUG 6TH

11-11.40^{AM}

COFFEES FROM 10.30AM - 12NOON

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN SC016664

Please advertise and support these 2 events given by our own members for the Organ Appeal...

Ignite Argyll Messy Church

Wednesday 5th August 2.00 - 3.30 pm

Corran Halls
Activities, Bible Stories & Crafts
For families with nursery and primary-age children.

FREE EVENT!

God loves Oban

Ignite Argyll

Wednesday evening will be called
'Ignite Argyll'
majoring on a time of worship and praise
with ministers from the local churches taking part.

*'What is your heart's
desire for the churches in Oban?'*

7pm - 8.30pm

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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN
ORGAN FUND APPEAL

DANCE ALONG SING ALONG

DRUMATHON

with Colin Gilbey

Saturday August 8th - 10am—6pm

In St John's Cathedral



Wednesday
August 5th
@ 12.45pm at
Wetherspoons.
for
Chat
**Ciabattas &
Company...**

come and enjoy
and bring a pal too if you want.
Contact Paul Watson: 07943026773
if you need more info
otherwise just turn up!
Now on 1st Wed of every month



Every Thursday
10.30am ~ 11.30am
Time to chat....
Everyone Welcome
SC016664

Can you volunteer one Thursday a month or every couple of months to help this amazing opportunity we have to offer a place to chat for locals and visitors throughout the year. A church that enjoys fellowship and welcomes everyone as they share time together is a wonderful missional gift to our community.



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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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN ORGAN FUND-APPEAL THE LAST £10,000 INCREDIBLE TOTAL...

Adding together all the recent recitals —The Evening @ Kilbrandon, the Inaugural Organ recital by Steven McIntyre, Charles Marshall and Anne Taylor and James Campbell, plus Crowdfunding / donations and Logo garments/ coffees and souvenirs.... we have reached **£51,695.25 leaving just £3,805 app. to go!** Included in this total also are donations in memory of Tom Files and Canon Ian Walter. Thank you so much to all who have contributed in any way!
Please make a note of the events still to come, after which we hope we will have reached the point when we can close the fundraising and celebrate that, within a year of installation, we have hopefully will have raised the total sum.

St John's Cathedral



Meeting again
Monday August 10th
@ 3pm
Women in the Bible
More details from
Ina (07854562210) or
Mal (07548366545)

All welcome

PROVOST

MINI-SABBATICAL

Following conversations with Bishop David, Canon Paul and the Vestry, my request for a mini-sabbatical from October 24th until November 28th 2026 has been agreed. I return for Advent! This will be time for restoration and refreshment, including a week on Iona with Diocesan Clergy on retreat, and time for me to recharge batteries! I will also be looking to further develop the research I am doing on creating a *Calendar of Local Celtic Saints* for our Diocese, 64 who have links to churches around Argyll and The Isles, pulling together a calendar with prayers and links to sites with information on each saint. I am so grateful for this opportunity and to Bishop David and Canon Paul who will cover services during his time, and Emily who will assist with admin and services within her hours as Contextual Ordinand. With many thanks

Provost Margi



ONGOING FUNDRAISING

ORGAN RECITAL & COFFEE

THURSDAY AUG 6TH @ 11-11.40AM

George Cringles (COFFEES FROM 10.30)

DONATIONS

DRUMATHON SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH

Dance along/ sing-a-long as Colin Gilbey drums along to music of the decades... FULL DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

DONATIONS

ORGAN & RECORDER RECITAL

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH @ 7PM

Antony Baldwin & Lynne Hope

£15

All proceeds to the Organ Appeal



UNIQUE CATHEDRAL LOGO

T-shirts Polos...
sweatshirts... micro-fleece

Ordered through
Ness Anderson

Tee's £20

Polo shirts £20

Sweatshirt £28

Fleece £30



PRAYER AND SERVICE RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2 2026

COLLECT A prayer to use for the week

Grant to us, Lord, the spirit to think on those things that are right, and always to be ready to do them: that we, who without you cannot be alive, may have the strength to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

EUCCHARIST READINGS:

Genesis 32: 22-31 Matthew 14: 13-21

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY EUCCHARIST

NEH 271 Alleluia sing to Jesus

SP 276 Great is thy faithfulness

SP 243 Gracious God

SP 222 The Lord is here

Communion: SP 220 Now let us from this table

PRAYERS

Province: Primus Mark. Bishop Dagmar and the Diocese of Edinburgh

Diocese: Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul—Canon Missioner and Canon Pastor; Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chaplain R.N.; St Peter's, Stornoway and St Moluag's, Eoropaidh—for Revd Jody Szoke on her final Sunday here and the churches as they enter vacancy.

Anglican Communion: Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; The Province of Uganda

Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Bristol, vacancy – bishop of Bristol, Bishop Neil Warwick
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Helsinki, Bishop Teemu Laajasalo

World and local community

For all who govern in communities and countries, for new leadership in Westminster and all who serve at Holyrood.

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 peace across the world, in homes and hearts, that negotiators will find the pathway to new beginnings of trust and long lasting reconciliation.

We pray for those suffering as a result of drought and the heat, for all facing the threats of displacement from wildfires across the UK and Europe and for the safety of all. We pray for the residents of Nethy Bridge and surrounding areas, for safety of all people, homes, livelihoods and the impact of the wild fires on nature.

We continue to pray for those affected by the Ebola outbreak and for those seeking to bring help and create effective vaccines; for the work of Samaritan's Purse in DR Congo giving thanks for John's safe return.

We pray for our towns and villages—for all who now enjoy the freedom of holidays and all who support them through hospitality and tourist industry.

We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed: especially those who have been harmed by others, locally and nationally. may they know God's healing and strength, hope and renewal

We pray for those who have lost hope in life and feel troubled or distressed. We pray for those around them who long to return them to joy, that through you, they may be restored.

We pray for families and all caring for those nearing the end of life that they may know your strength and assurance.

We pray with all who mourn—in our community and beyond....giving thanks for the lives of those we see no longer but now rejoice in God's heavenly Kingdom, may all who have passed into your eternal Kingdom, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Prayer Reflection



The Celtic Christians often described the Holy Spirit as the "Wild Goose", untamed, powerful, and impossible to contain. The Spirit's call draws us beyond comfortable religion into a deeper encounter with God's presence, where lives are transformed and hearts are awakened. Let us pray that we may be open to hear and respond.

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

TO FOLLOW OUR PATTERN OF DAILY PRAYER:

MORNING, EVENING OR NIGHT—go to

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/daily-offices/>
and open the link. This offers the full service to read, daily readings etc.

FOR DETAILS OF SAINTS DAYS/ CELEBRATIONS go to :
<https://www.seccalendar.org.uk/> open link on the day



An Cuilidh Cathair-eaglaise The Cathedral Retreat

Nourishing our souls and helping nature flourish

The Cathedral has a vision to develop the Cathedral Garden (area below the Rectory on Ardconnel Road) as a place of retreat, developing it as a quiet place for outdoor prayers and reflection on God's incredible creation which supports and encourages bio-diversity. Over the coming months we will be planning, planting, devising prayer stations along paths, and hopefully encouraging nature to thrive.

As an amazing start, we have an **active apiary** at the bottom of the garden area and are the delighted 'landlords' to 50,000 bees (the number of honey bees in a hive) who have just starting producing **exclusive honey**.....more on that next week! Our bees are under the care of a qualified and experienced local bee keeper and as the only hive in the town centre, are raising the level of pollination in the 3 mile radius around their hive....a really positive step for the Cathedral to bring to the town. If you meet a honey bee in the town centre, it is likely to be one of ours.

With the bees settled, our next step is to bring the garden under control and enable the vision to be fully realised. We need to develop a **safe area to walk, sit and reflect on nature** and our surroundings; and **pray using the prayer journey slate prompts**.

We will also **restore the terraced beds for flowers and greenery for the Cathedral**.

Whilst Hope Kitchen were using the space, they have provided a shed, handrail and secure fencing for which we are incredibly grateful.

Ness Anderson is wonderfully heading up the practical aspects of clearing and planting the garden but it cannot happen without some willing helpers to assist....in order that we can make this unique offering in the town to worship and reflect on God through nature's wonders.

If you are interested in being a part of this project, for planting and maintenance please do speak to Ness or Provost Margi and please pray that we can reach out share this way of deepening faith and touching God.



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)

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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=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfb8f5ac>

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.