



## February 2nd ~ Presentation of Christ

### CATHEDRAL SERVICES

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

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH  
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON

Next: Feb 16th @ 10.30am (see p2)  
Next: Feb 2nd @ 3.30pm

### DIARY FOR THE WEEK

#### Sun February 2nd Feast of Presentation

##### Of Christ in the Temple...Candlemas

10.15am Sung Eucharist  
3.30pm Eucharist in Kilbrandon

Wed 5th 11am Shorter Eucharist & coffee  
7pm Vestry in Macfarlane Room

Thu 6th 10am Morning Prayer  
10.30-11.30 Coffee Morning

#### Sun Feb 9th

10.15am Sung Eucharist  
2.30pm OMS Concert  
5pm Fellowship @5

### DIARY DATES AHEAD

Tue 25th Diocesan Conference in Corran Halls  
5pm Diocesan Synod Eucharist

Wed 26th Diocesan Synod in Corran Halls

#### MARCH

Wed 5th 11am Ash Wednesday Eucharist  
7pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist

### CANDLEMAS ~ Malcolm Guite

They came, as called, according to the Law.  
Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,  
They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,  
For God was coming with them to His temple.  
Amidst the outer court's commercial bustle  
They'd waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,  
Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,  
Had made a killing on the two young doves.  
They come at last with us to Candlemas  
And keep the day the prophecies came true  
We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness,  
The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.  
For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,  
Against the dark our Saviour's face is bright.



The celebrations that began at Christmas have continued through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and now the focus ends with **the Feast of the Presentation**. The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption will be won through suffering and so the day marks a pivotal moment when the eyes on the Incarnation are directed towards the Passion; and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christ's Birth and towards the mysteries of Lent and Easter.

The tradition of **Candlemas** derives from the practice of lighting and blessing candles during the church service on this day. Some think that this goes back to at least the 7th century *Alcuin (c.735-804) refers in one of his homilies to a Candlemas procession: "the whole multitude of the city collecting together . . . bearing a vast number of wax lights, and no one enters any public place in the city without a taper in his hand.* These candles symbolize the light of Christ, dispelling the darkness both literally and spiritually. Traditionally, all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year were blessed, together with candles to be used in worshippers homes.

We continue this celebration through our readings and, with candles given to all present to take home and use, as we continue to reflect on what Christ incarnate means in our lives.

*The Presentation of Christ in the Temple Fra Angelico 1433 - 1434*

FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

**Eucharist Readings:** Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 2: 22-40

**Hymns:** SP 11 NEH 157 SP 27 (tune NEH 130) SP 33 (tune NEH 157) Comm: SP 199

### COLLECT FOR PRESENTATION

Almighty and Everlasting God: as your Only-begotten Son was presented and received in the temple, so may we welcome and proclaim him as the light of the nations and the glory of your people; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, through our human frailty, we cannot stand firm: give us strength and protection, that, with your help, we may overcome all difficulties; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

### INTERCESSIONS

*Province*—Primus Mark; The Bishop-Elect for Glasgow & Galloway: The Reverend Canon Dr Nicholas John Bundock  
*Diocese* – Bp David; Provost Margi; Tom, Assistant Curate (NSM); Canon Ian, Assistant Priest (rtd); the people of St Columba's, Bridgend, Islay, and Episcopalians on Jura

*Anglican Communion* – Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia Archbps -Justin Duckworth, Don Tamihere and Sione Uluilakepa

*Porvoo Communion* — Bangor, Wales: Bp Andrew John; Dublin and Glendalough, Ireland: Bp Michael Jackson

### PRAYERS

We pray for peace in the world, in homes and hearts that all may know God's Kingdom in their lives.

May the ceasefire agreed in Gaza result in renewed hope and fresh understanding between nations and peoples and peace may gently triumph over wars and conflicts.

We pray for places where peace still seems afar off...Ukraine, DR Congo, Sudan ....and all peoples living in fear  
May hearts be changed and vision enlarged to bring new life and peace-filled present and future...

We pray for all peacekeepers, negotiators and all who have the power and responsibility to bring change.

We pray for our community, especially those who work with families and children to bring security and wellbeing.

We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed may they know God's healing and strength, hope and renewal.

We give thanks for the lives of those who now worship in God's nearer presence and pray for those who mourn, that they may know God's comfort.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel

*Open our eyes to see your presence amongst us and our mouths to proclaim it.*

**OBAN MUSIC**  
@ ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL  
WELCOMES  
**AURRAS DUO**  
HAILING FROM SCOTLAND  
FIONA SWEENEY (FLUTE)  
& BEN EAMES (PIANO)  
Music by: Lili Boulanger ~ Aileen Sweeney ~ Carl Reinecke ~ Claude Debussy  
William Grant Still ~ Hamilton Harty ~ Ian Clarke ~ Amanda Harberg  
**SUNDAY FEB 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 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/>  
Chamber Music Scotland OSCR

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN  
**Fellowship @ 5**  
All Welcome for  
music, prayer  
& discussion  
with food  
Every 2nd & 4th Sundays  
5pm  
St John's, Narthex, George Street  
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THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH DIOCESE OF ARGYLL & THE ISLES  
**ST JAMES' ARDBRECKNISH**  
**DATES FOR THE DIARY**  
**February 16th 10.30am ~ Eucharist**  
Bishop David and Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN  
*Tea and coffee afterwards*  
**March 16 10.30am ~ Eucharist**  
The Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN  
**April 20 10.30am Easter Day Eucharist**  
The Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN  
Women's World Day of Prayer  
7 March at Glenorchy Kirk—details tbc  
SC0 23296



## VESTRY MEETING

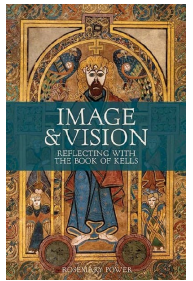
The Vestry for the Cathedral is meeting this week to consider, amongst other practicalities, the ongoing trouble we have experienced in moving works forward. This has been outwith our control as we have waited for professional reports/ actions. We remain poised to access church permissions (Canon 35's from the Diocesan Building Committee) for the Chairlift, but have been delayed by details needed from the structural engineer in order to obtain a Building Warrant before being able to submit our Canon 35 application. We now have these drawings (after many, many months of chasing) and these will be discussed by the Vestry. We will inform you of the next steps. Please talk to Ken Oxland if you would like more details. This will also include the installation of a concrete slope from the pavement to make access more accessible.

We are poised to receive details of 6 new wall/ girder mounted electrical heaters for the Cathedral which will give 12kw of additional heating without the need for an additional electrical phase which will save both time and money. Canon 35 will be submitted following our meeting to agree this way forward.

We will also be purchasing an altar for the Nave position, the design being the most popular on our consultation. The Canon 35 will be applied for and votes/ comments from the Consultation will be available to the Building Committee.

Any comments on these, please do ensure that they are passed to Margaret Sime before our meeting on Wednesday.

**BOOK OFFER** Due to the closure of the publisher, Rosemary Power's book 'Image and Vision: Reflecting with the Book of Kells' is now being sold for only £5 (retailed at £22.50). If you would like a copy, do speak to her after the service or send a message to [rosemarypower@live.co.uk](mailto:rosemarypower@live.co.uk).



## inspires ONLINE

The latest Inspires Online has details of the Bishop-Elect for Glasgow & Galloway, Net-Zero funding, Bp John's retirement, International Scholarships, a new Provincial Strategy for the church, Tom Ebbens on life as a military chaplain, the SEC Lent Course, plus many other articles and news items... Keep in touch with life in the Scottish Episcopal Church... <https://mailchi.mp/scotland/inspires-online-for-jan-25>



Children's Hospices Across Scotland

## BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2025

### A CHILDREN'S CHARITY PROVIDING PALLIATIVE CARE

CHAS provides unwavering care to children who may die young and their families, at every step on this hardest of journeys. They support young people pre-birth to 21, and their whole family, in hospices, children's homes, and in hospitals.

*For more information check the website <https://www.chas.org.uk/>*

Please support Bishop David in this Lent Appeal by saving your loose change (or notes) in a jar throughout Lent and then bring your donations to church on Easter Day or as soon as possible thereafter. (Cheques made payable to "The Episcopal Diocese of Argyll & The Isles). If you don't work with cash...maybe consider pledging an amount per week that can be electronically transferred, details for this will be given towards the end of Lent. Although this is a Lent Appeal (beginning on March 5th) maybe you'd like to begin now? This gives 7 additional weeks to grow a donation to help children and families in Scotland facing the worst of times.

## CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION

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- **NSM CURATE: The Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN**  
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*Tom's work is for the RN thus he is not always available.*
- **Assisting Priest (Rtd) The Rev'd Canon Ian Walter**

**CATHEDRAL WEBSITE:** [stjohnsoban.org.uk/](http://stjohnsoban.org.uk/)

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**DIOCESAN WEBSITE:** [argyll.anglican.org/](http://argyll.anglican.org/)

## CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2025

**Rectors Warden**—Ken Oxland—*plus Assisting 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:** Catriona Petit

*Others volunteered for vacancies following the AGM and will be formalised at the next Vestry meeting.*

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Dear Friend

**Congregational Invite to the**  
**DIOCESAN CONFERENCE and SYNOD 2025**  
The Corran Halls, 54 Corran Esplanade, Oban, Argyll, PA34 5AB.

I am writing on behalf of Bishop David who warmly invites and encourages you to attend this year's Diocesan Conference Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> February and Diocesan Synod on 26<sup>th</sup> February. This is a chance for us all to come together from across the Diocese, meeting and sharing together in worship, conversation and business.

The **DIOCESAN CONFERENCE on TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** will be considering the theological and pastoral responses to the Assisted Dying Bill and will be led by The Rev'd Dr Hamilton Inbadas. Hamilton is a Priest in the Scottish Episcopal Church and currently serves at St John's Forres. His research interests are in spiritual care in end of life care; theological, philosophical and cultural understandings of death, dying and bereavement; as well as ethical issues in end of life care.

This event, which is for both clergy and congregation members, will begin with Morning Prayer at 10am and Closing Prayers will be at 3.30pm.

Tea/coffee will be available at 9.30am and the day will also include a bookable soup and sandwich lunch.

The **DIOCESAN SYNOD will be constituted at the SYNOD EUCHARIST in St John's Cathedral, Oban at 5pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

As this is one of the few occasions in the year when the Diocese meets together, we will celebrate the Chrism Rite of Maundy Thursday during the Eucharist, along with the renewal of Baptismal and Ordination Vows and The Blessing of the Oils (Baptism, Chrism, and Healing). All are warmly invited to attend this service.

I also invite you to the **SYNOD DINNER** during the evening of Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm (with dinner at 7.30pm) at The Argyllshire Gathering Halls, Breadalbane Street, Oban, PA34 5NZ.

The Diocese will cover the cost of the meal for all Clergy and Lay Representatives (or alternates if the Lay Rep is unable to attend). Others attending are asked to pay £35 payable by BACS or cheque.

The **DIOCESAN SYNOD** business sessions begin on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February with Morning Prayer at 10am and Closing Prayers will be at 3.30pm.

Tea/coffee will be available at 9.30am and the day will also include a bookable soup and sandwich lunch.

The relevant papers will be available electronically, please let the Diocesan Office know if you would like a printed copy sent. A few printed copies will be available on the day.

Please return the attached **reply form (on the next page of the Weekly Sheet)** to the Diocesan Office by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the Synod

Sally McKim  
Acting Diocesan Secretary



## DIOCESAN CONFERENCE AND SYNOD 2025

(Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name: .....

Address: .....

..... Postcode

Email: .....

Telephone No: .....

Name of Guest (if applicable) .....

### DIOCESAN CONFERENCE AT CORRAN HALLS      Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

*Please circle Yes or No as appropriate: -*

Attendance	Yes	No	*Lunch required	Yes	No
Guest attendance	Yes	No	*Guest lunch required	Yes	No

### SYNOD DINNER AT GATHERING HALLS 7pm

Attendance	Yes	No
Guest attendance	Yes	No

*If yes - please see over page to complete menu choices and payment details*

### DIOCESAN SYNOD AT CORRAN HALLS      Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Attendance	Yes	No	*Lunch required	Yes	No
Guest attendance	Yes	No	*Guest lunch required	Yes	No

### \*DIETARY REQUIREMENTS/ALLERGIES

Please comment below for yourself and guest if you have special dietary requirements/ allergies

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**Please return the completed form (both sides if booking the Synod Dinner) to arrive before  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

By e-mail: [secretary@argyll.anglican.org](mailto:secretary@argyll.anglican.org)  
Please post to: Diocesan Secretary, [St Moluag's Diocesan Centre](#), Craft Avenue, Oban, PA34 5JJ

Attendance

## DIOCESAN SYNOD DINNER 2025

February 25<sup>th</sup>  
The Argyllshire Gathering Halls  
7pm for 7.30pm Dinner

*Please indicate your choice per Course with a ✓*  
*\*Please ensure that any special dietary requirements/ allergies are indicated on the front page.*

### STARTER

Lentil soup (suitable for vegetarians)	.....	You	.....	Guest	.....
or					
Prawn Salad	.....				

### MAIN COURSE

Chicken Fillet (stuffed with haggis and black pudding) with a whisky cream sauce	.....				
or					
Salmon Fillet with a cream and dill sauce	.....				

All served with roast and baby new potatoes, buttered carrots and green beans

### DESSERTS

Biscoff Cheesecake	.....				
or					
Sticky Toffee Pudding with cream	.....				

Tea & Coffee will be served at the end of the meal

**DINNER PAYMENT £ 35 per person**  
Clergy and Charge Lay Representatives will not be charged.

For all others

Online payment: **The Royal Bank of Scotland** Sort Code: 83-26-04 Account: 00150178  
Reference: your surname followed by 'Dinner' so that we can identify your payment

Cheque: Payable to **The Episcopal Diocese of Argyll & The Isles**  
Please post to **St Moluag's Diocesan Centre, Craft Avenue, Oban, PA34 5JJ**  
Please enclose this form

Attendance