



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Every Sunday
2nd & 4th Sundays
3rd Sundays
Wednesdays
Thursdays

10.15am
5pm
5.15pm
11am
10am

Cathedral Sung Eucharist
Fellowship @ 5 Informal worship in the Narthex
Traditional Evensong
Shorter Cathedral Eucharist
Morning Prayer

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL Eucharist

July 26 @ 11am Dr Rosemary Power
August 2 @ 3.30pm Canon Paul
July 12 @ 11am Canon Chris Oxley

SUNDAY JULY 12 FESTIVAL OF THE SEA

10.15am Festal Sea Eucharist ~ Provost Margi
Children's activities / refreshments

5pm Fellowship @ 5

Festival activities during the week see poster below

Wed 15 11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee
Thu 16 10am Morning Prayer
10.30-11.30 Coffee Morning
7pm Cathedral Choir Practice
Sat 18 2.15pm Pilgrim Group in the Cathedral

SUNDAY JULY 19

10.15am Sung Eucharist ~ Provost Margi
Children's activities / refreshments
2.30pm Love bade me Welcome recital — see poster
5.15pm Evensong



Sunday July 12 Sea Sunday Celebration @ 10.15am
From Coracles to Clippers Eucharist, readings and music *Celebrating the Seas*

Sunday July 12 — Sunday July 19

Festival of Prayer ~ Cathedral Open 10am—4pm

Paper Boat Prayer Installation with Iona Coracle

Make a paper boat, add a prayer for the seas and seafarers
and place in our Paper Boat Installation

Tuesday July 14 Blessing of the Sea

by Dunollie Lighthouse @ 2pm

Come and join us as we bless the waters, all those who sail above and beneath the seas,
the health of our waters and all marine life

Coffee Mornings

Monday July 13 & Thursday July 16 @ 10.30am-12 noon



EXCITING WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN



FESTIVAL OF THE SEA
From Coracles to Clippers

JULY 12TH @ 10.15AM

READINGS HYMNS PRAYERS EUCHARIST

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

Fellowship @ 5

All Welcome
for music, prayer
& discussion with food

NEXT: JULY 12

Share your favourite parable

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

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ORGAN FUND APPEAL

Love bade me Welcome

A SELECTION OF SONGS BY VAUGHAN WILLIAMS AND FINZI

CHARLES MARSHALL (BARTONE) & ANNE TAYLOR (PIANO)



SUNDAY JULY 19TH

2.30 PM

ENTRY BY DONATION REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ORGAN FUND-APPEAL

THE LAST £7,400 to raise!

Amazing Recitals coming up!

BOOK THE DATES

LOVE MADE ME WELCOME

SONGS BY VAUGHAN WILLIAMS AND FINZI

SUNDAY JULY 19TH @ 2.30PM

Charles Marshall (Baritone) & Anne Taylor (Piano)

DONATIONS

ORGAN RECITAL & COFFEE

THURSDAY JULY 23RD @ 11-11.40AM

James Campbell (COFFEES FROM 10.30)

DONATIONS

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

BRING A FRIEND!

All proceeds to the Organ Appeal



Around 70 folk enjoyed
**A STUNNING
INAUGURAL RECITAL**
by Steven McIntyre.

A varied programme brought out the diverse colours and tones of our Organ with the wonderful bonus of **£805** raised (some outgoings potentially to deduct). Thank you to George and Elizabeth for organising this.



MORE RECITALS BOOKED—Charles and Anne/ James / George then Dance and sing to the Drumathon with Colin Gilby followed by Antony Baldwin and Lynne Hope - Organ and Recorder

See details above ...book the dates....come along and bring a friend/s ...



UNIQUE CATHEDRAL LOGO

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

Can be ordered through Ness Anderson

Tee's £20 Polo shirts £20

Sweatshirts £28 Fleece £30



HELP NEEDED

...Taking food gifts to HOPE KITCHEN from the Narthex

...Help with flowers—just needs bunches bought and put in vases & removing when dead!



DO YOU KNOW someone locally who is going away for the summer and would value a house-sitter—paying a little rent.

If so please contact Canon Paul as we have a lovely lady and her young children who are in need of a break, link to our congregation.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Dads & Toddlers

anyone can be cool, but awesome takes practice.

NEXT: AUGUST 8th

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

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

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

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN.

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

July 29
All are always welcome

St John's Cathedral

Women's Group

Women's Group
Meeting fortnightly @ 3pm
RESTARTS Monday Aug 10th
For venue contact
Ina (07854562210) or
Mal (07548366545) *All welcome*

Festival of the Sea Prayer Installation

Please do take part in this over the week: make (or use ready-made) boat and add a prayer on it for all those connected with the seas ~ the life and health of the waters ~ and place on our ocean of prayer with the coracle.

Iona Coracle

In Wales a **cwrwgl**, in Ireland and western Scotland a **curragh** - coracles are possibly one of the first forms of water transportation perhaps because they are eminently portable.



Columba's curragh would have taken around 12 rowers, an oar each. Whether they slept on the boat on that journey from Ireland to Iona in 563AD is unknown; they might have made landfall each night. It was probably too small for a comfortable sleep, but a sail would have helped speed their travel.

In 2006 long-time Associate of the Iona Community, Paul Heppleston, made this smaller version of Columba's curragh under expert guidance at the Cistercian Mount St Bernard's Abbey in Leicestershire. It was built based on the same principles, designed for just one person. It has resided in Iona Abbey since July 2017.

As Paul was building this boat he began to see loose parallels between coracle construction and the spiritual life.

Paul says: "In one regard you can think of a coracle as a fragile island of peace and security on stormy waves in a troubled world. Islands offer safety, limits, edges, refuge and solitude, but a coracle also has purpose - a 'movement towards'..."

"The **three central struts** equate with the backbone of the craft. Without their strength and firm positioning the whole thing falls apart. **Ash laths**, like multi ribs, form the outer edges and give the body design and shape. The **Calico** covering is the other shell of protection. **Black bitumen** provides waterproofing. Finally, the **seat**, which is a place of action, purpose and rest for the journey."

"We need each of these aspects in our lives - a deep-seated strength, a rigidity to hold our integrity firm, an outer skin that gives protection to all that we are internally. And we need a 'water-proofing' that prevents damaging hurts from entering and reducing our feelings of self-worth, but allows sensitivity and empathy out through invisible pores."

We are grateful to the Iona Community for lending us the Coracle for this installation.



PRAYER AND SERVICE RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12 2026

SEA SUNDAY READINGS:

Proverbs 8: 22-31

Mark 4: 35– 41

SEA SUNDAY COLLECT

God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mysteries of the ocean depths, we celebrate the wondrous design of the seas that surround us.

Teach us to sense the presence of God in the tides and currents of the surging seas. Teach us to care for the oceans and all our waterways.

In the name of the Wisdom of God, the creative force that designs and governs all creation.

PRAYERS

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

Diocese – Bishop David; Provost/ Dean Margi; Canon Paul – Canon Missioner / Canon Pastor; Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chaplain R.N.;

West Highland Region: St John's, Ballachulish; St Adamnan's, Duror; St Mary's, Glencoe; St Paul's, Kinlochleven; St Bride's, Onich; Holy Cross, Portnacrois .

Anglican Communion –Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Newcastle, Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop Mark Wroe

Church of Norway: Church of Norway: Diocese of Møre, Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme

Local community

We pray for those celebrating the Festival of the Sea, for all the Clipper crews, organisers and supporters—that they can relax and enjoy their time with us in Oban.

We pray for the local organisers of all the events and activities for the Festival week—giving thanks for their energy and gift to the town and visitors.

We pray for a recognition of the life of our oceans and seas—and for all lives focussed above or below its waters.

We pray for those who work to keep all seafarers safe, for all whose livelihoods depend on the seas for leisure, trade, protection, sport, and for our ferries and those who depend on travel links.

We pray for all who work and research the health of our seas - at SAMS, individuals and groups.

World

We continue to pray for churches in Ukraine, Sudan 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 left bereft of families, friends, homes and livelihoods in the Venezuela earthquake and Spanish wildfires. May the world turn to help and our prayers bring support and comfort.

We pray for those affected by the Ebola outbreak and for those seeking to bring help and create effective vaccines.

We pray especially for **John Murphy, home now, for all that he has been able to give to those in need,** bringing help to those suffering from Ebola, for all who care for and support them.

We pray for the teams remaining as they support the sick, dying and local medical teams.

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: 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—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.

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

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: O God, you have prepared for those who love you good things no eye has seen: pour into our hearts such love of you, that, by loving you in all things and above all things, we may be worthy of your promises, which surpass all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**150
YEARS**
Join us, Join in

Celebrating 150 Years of Mothers' Union

Join Us, Join In! Lighting the way for
Generations to Come.

Not just mothers....not just women....all are welcome...

support one another and strengthen family life within the Church. From that single spark of an idea, a global movement was born – and Mothers' Union has grown to 4 million members across 84 countries. As we look to the future our members will continue working to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities around the world. At the heart of everything we do will remain our unwavering belief that faith and compassion can transform lives. As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we invite you to be part of it. Whether you're passionate about social justice, prayer, community outreach, or simply want to connect with people who care, there will be a way for you to join us and join in. For more details go to: <https://www.mothersunion.org/>

In 2026, we celebrate 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded in the small parish church of Old Alresford, Hampshire, by Mary Sumner, a vicar's wife with a bold vision. She believed that women, regardless of class or status, could come together in faith to

**COME TO THE CELEBRATION SERVICE in ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
on Saturday JULY 25th at 2.30pm
OPEN TO ALL ACROSS THE DIOCESE**

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ACCESSIBILITY TOILET AND ADDITIONAL TOILET FACILITY

Following the installation of the wheelchair lift, details of the Canon 35 application for an accessibility toilet and additional facility are on the Narthex noticeboard. An informal Canon 35 has been granted and Building Warrant permission has been given. This is to make us fully welcoming to all in our hospitality.

Quotes are currently being obtained before a formal Canon 35 is submitted and grants applied for.

The Disability Access Toilet will replace our current provision and be accessed through a new opening in the Narthex where the hymnbooks are stored.

An additional facility will be built into the old choir vestry lobby and accessed via the stairs.

Please speak to Ken or Colum if you would like more information, or to express views.

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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to all who give to the Cathedral to safeguard our present & future

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The Rev'd Canon Paul Watson

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Cathedral Director of Music: James Campbell

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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?](https://www.cafonline.org/system/donate?dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfb8f5ac)
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The Cathedral can now take **CARD PAYMENTS**

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by card. Please do give it a go! It will be on the book desk on
arrival and at coffee.