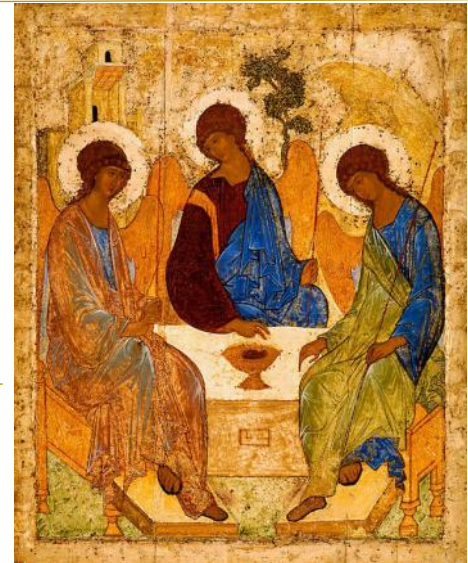




ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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	June 14 @ 11am
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON	June 7 @ 3.30pm
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL	May 24 @ 11.30am



No sooner do I conceive of the
One than I am illumined by the
Splendour of the Three;
no sooner do I distinguish Them
than I am carried back to the
One

Gregory of Nazianzus 329– 390

SUNDAY MAY 31 TRINITY

10.15am Sung Eucharist with children's activities in the St Columba Chapel , refreshments follow.

JUNE

Tue 2		<i>Diocesan Clergy Study Day in Fort William.</i>
Wed 3	11am	Shorter Eucharist with coffee
	1pm	Men's Lunch at Wetherspoons
Thu 4	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30-11.30	Coffee Morning
	7pm	Cathedral Choir Practice
Fri 5	11am	Funeral for Canon Ian Walter
	5-6pm	Visiting Pilgrim Group in the Cathedral

STEPPING OUT IN PILGRIM FAITH WITH THE CELTIC SAINTS

SUNDAY JUNE 7	106 years of The Cathedral's Inauguration
	10.15am Festal Eucharist with the Feast of St Columba
	Children's activities in the St Columba Chapel refreshments follow.
	3.30pm Episcopal Eucharist in Kilbrandon Church, Isle of Seil
June 14	10.15am Festal Eucharist ~ Pilgrim People
June 21	10.15am Festal Eucharist ~ St Brendan the Navigator
June 28	10.15am Festal Eucharist ~ St Moluag

St John's Episcopal Cathedral, Oban

Celebrating 106 yrs since Cathedral Inauguration

Sunday June 7th @ 10.15am

Festal Eucharist with Feast of Columba

Stepping out in Pilgrim Faith with the Celtic Saints
Beginning a month reflecting on the Saints who shared the faith in our Diocese



REQUIEM EUCHARIST

for
The Rev'd Canon Ian Edward Walter
01/01/1947 – 19/05 2026
In St John's Cathedral
On Friday June 5 at 11am

All are warmly invited as, with his family and friends, we give thanks for the life and ministry of Canon Ian.

FLOWERS for the REQUIEM EUCHARIST

If you would like to contribute to the Cathedral flowers for the service, please enclose your gift in a clearly marked envelope and give to Provost Margi before Wednesday 3rd.

If you would like to assist in arranging the bouquets in vases, we will be meeting at 3.30pm in the Cathedral on Thursday June 4th — all are welcome.

The Rev'd Kit (Christopher) Jarman

It is with deep sorrow that we share more sad news ~ of the death of the Rev'd Kit Jarman, who assisted at the Cathedral from 2004—2017 alongside Canon Ian, and around the Diocese. Kit trained for Ordination at Wells Theological College and served his curacy at St Philip and St James, Leckhampton in Gloucester Diocese. He served as a Royal Navy Chaplain from 1973 until 1993, before serving as Rector at Holy Trinity, Stirling until 2003. During this time in Stirling, he also served as a Chaplain to the RAF, both until his retirement into the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles.

Serving as Chaplain to the Oban Sea Cadets, after recovering from cancer, he made headlines in Oban by walking five miles on the Corran Esplanade, raising £3,500 for the Sea Cadets.

Andrew Swift, now Bishop of Brechin writes. "I got to know Kit very well in my time as Dean of Argyll, and valued his faith, directness and determination to serve out his vocation as priest come what may. He supported the cathedral in Oban and other Argyll charges with his characteristic gusto and energy, often being found outside the church in his cloud of tobacco smoke. He greatly valued his years in the SEC after many his years of naval service and he related well to clergy, laity and even, maybe a little bluntly, to bishops. I will miss his annual message to me on the anniversary of my consecration as bishop, humorously reminding me of what I have let myself in for! He is fondly remembered and will be greatly missed."

The Rt Rev Andrew Swift

Bishop of Brechin

Provost Margi adds her fond memories of Kit from brief meetings: Kit was always ready to support and shared numerous stories of a varied ministry, especially enjoying his time ministering alongside Canon Ian. He hosted a celebration for Canon Ian's 50th Anniversary of Ordination, here in Oban. Kit made time to ring me with congratulations and conversation each year on the anniversary of my Installation at the Cathedral.

We offer our prayers and condolences to his wife Catherine.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

THE DIOCESE OF ARGYLL AND THE ISLES

PILGRIM PEOPLE

**A Vision and Strategy
for the 21st Century**

**Faithful to its roots,
fearless in mission,
and fit for the 21st century.**

The Theology of the Path

From the earliest days, the Christian journey has been shaped by the footsteps of Jesus. He walked the roads of Galilee and the hill paths of Judea, entering villages, blessing homes, crossing lakes, and meeting people along the way. His ministry was a pilgrimage of presence — revealing the nearness of God not in temples alone, but in the everyday places where people lived, worked, and hoped. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to walk with him. Their learning happened on the road: in conversations shared while travelling, in moments of encounter, in the quiet between destinations. To follow Jesus, then and now, is to enter a way of life that moves with him — trusting, listening, and allowing his company to shape us. Pilgrimage expresses this way of discipleship. It reminds us that faith is not static but lived in motion, and that Christ continues to meet his people on the paths they travel. As we seek to discern the soul of our diocese, we do so as followers of the One who still journeys with us, leading us deeper into the life of God.

This, and page 3, are extracts from the Vision and Strategy for the Diocese, shared by Bishop David at our Diocesan Synod. We begin our reflecting on the gifts left by the early saints and seekers, who across centuries, have crossed lochs and mountains to bring the light of Christ to the western coasts and islands of Scotland. In their footsteps, we too are called to be a pilgrim people

—faithful, hopeful, and ready to move where God leads. Our task is to discern and develop the soul of the diocese, fit for the 21st century: a soul rooted in our landscape and heritage, yet alive to the Spirit's call for today.

OUR VISION

"To be a pilgrim people, walking together in faith, making Christ known across Argyll and The Isles—a diocese alive to the Spirit, confident in its calling, and creatively using its gifts of people and place for the flourishing of God's Kingdom."

Pilgrimage: Our Heritage and Our Way

Pilgrimage is both our story and our practice.

From the early Christian saints – Columba, Moluag, Brendan, and their companions – to those who today walk to Iona, Cumbrae, or other holy sites, pilgrimage has shaped the soul of this diocese. It has always been a movement of faith, discovery, renewal and transformation.

To be a pilgrim people means:

- **Journey:** Willing to move physically, spiritually, and institutionally toward God's future.
- **Encounter:** Meeting God and one another anew along the way.
- **Transformation:** Allowing the journey to change us and renew our mission.

The diocese will:

- Encourage pilgrimage as a spiritual discipline across all ages and contexts.
- Develop local and regional pilgrim routes linking churches, sacred sites, and communities.
- Foster partnerships with heritage, environmental, and ecumenical bodies to promote pilgrimage as both spiritual and cultural renewal.
- Embed the language and practice of pilgrimage within worship, discipleship, and diocesan gatherings.



"Pilgrimage is not a retreat from the world – it is a journey through it, seeking God in the midst of creation and community."

STEPPING OUT IN PILGRIM FAITH WITH THE CELTIC SAINTS
JUNE ~ ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SEE P1 FOR DETAILS

COLLECT (prayer for the week)

Almighty and Everlasting God,
you have given us grace in the profession of true
faith to recognise the glory of the eternal Trinity:
keep us steadfast in this faith and bring us to see
you in your perfect and eternal unity; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
world without end.

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

PRAYERS

Province: all preparing for the General Synod June 11-13.

For Bishop Dagmar and the Diocese of Edinburgh, following her installation as Bishop on Saturday May 30.

Diocese – Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul – Canon Missioner; Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chaplain R.N.;
for the people of St Columba's, Gruline, Mull

Anglican Communion –Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; the Anglican Church of Rwanda
Archbp Laurent Mbanda

Porvoo Communion – Hereford, Eng: Bp Richard Jackson; Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Worldwide: Archbp
Kārlis Žols, archbishop); the Lusitanian Church, Portuga: Bp José Jorge Tavares de Pina Cabral

World and local community

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.
We pray for the families of all who have lost their lives during the intense heat

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

We pray for the Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN and all military chaplains in their service of spiritual and pastoral care

We give thanks for the wonders and beauty of the world we live in, praying that we may be better co-inhabitants
with all God's creation and cherish all that God has shared.

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, **giving thanks for the life of Canon Ian Walter—his ministry and faith and presence in our lives and the life
and ministry of The Rev'd Kit Jarman.** We pray for all who mourn their loss.

May Ian, Kit, and all God's faithful rest in peace and rise in glory.

St John's Cathedral Accessibility Toilet and additional toilet facility

Following the installation of the Disabled Access wheelchair lift—we are now looking to make changes to
our existing toilet to make it accessible for all. This will ensure that we can properly welcome everyone to our
Cathedral worship and events and bring us in line with legal requirements. Plans have been drawn up by our
architect and we have submitted a Preliminary Canon 35 application which has been approved. We will be
applying for grants to assist in the cost of this and the additional toilet mentioned below, which will be
approximately £50,000. The plan will be on display in the Narthex, we will be creating an entrance through the
wall where the hymn books are currently kept, blocking the entrance from the porch and reconfiguring the
layout of the current space. To create more facilities, we are also looking to create a single toilet in the lobby of
the Macfarlane Room, accessible during services and events via the Narthex back stairs. The plans have had a
Canon 35 pre application approved.



Alongside the visit of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race

Sea Sunday Celebration Service ~ July 12th @ 10.15am

From Coracles to Clippers

Blessing of the Sea by the shore

Paper Boat Prayer Installation for all to take part in

Concert and Coffee Mornings

If you can assist in the Cathedral during the Festival, please talk to Margi...



CHAT, CIABATTAS & COMPANY

**Wednesday June 3
@ 1pm
at Wetherspoons.**

Come and enjoy and bring a pal too if you want. Contact Paul Watson on 07943026773 if you need more info otherwise just turn up!



NEXT : Saturday June 13

...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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Every 2nd & 4th Sundays

5pm

St John's, Narthex, George Street

#inclusive #open #informal

HELP NEEDED Please talk to Margi if you can assist...

- Taking food gifts to HOPE KITCHEN on a regular basis from the Narthex
- Help with the Coffee Morning filling gaps on the rota—help given
- Come on the rota to read, serve, welcome, steward—help given
- Help with flowers—just needs bunches bought and put in vases—filling gaps on the rota

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

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John Murphy, Catriona Petit

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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

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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.