

# St JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON

# November 17 and 24th



# CATHEDRAL SERVICES

**Every Sunday** 10.15am Cathedral Eucharist

Fellowship @ 5 ~ Informal worship with fellowship & food 2nd & 4th Sundays 5pm

3rd Sunday 5.15pm **Cathedral Evensong** 

**Shorter Cathedral Eucharist** Wednesdays 11am

**Thursdays** 10am **Morning Prayer** 

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH Next: Sunday Nov 24th @ 10.30am with The Revd Tom Ebbens RN

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON - ISLE OF SEIL ~ Next: Dec 1st 2024 @ 3.30pm open to all

# DIARY

As Provost Margi is taking a few days off this week from Monday — Saturday, the sheet covers 2 Sundays.

# Sun Nov 17th Pentecost 26

10.15am Sung Eucharist 5.15pm Evensong

Wed 20th Short Eucharist followed by coffee 11am

Thu 21st 10am Morning Prayer

10.30—11.30am Coffee Morning Help Needed

7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

## Sun Nov 24th Christ the King

10.15am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Eucharist at St James' led by Revd Tom Ebbens RN

Fellowship@5 5.15pm

Tea and Cake with Christian Aid Talk Mon 25th 2.30pm

Calum Martin: Church Engagement Officer—Scotland

Tue 26th 7pm Cathedral Vestry in the Narthex Wed 27th 11am Short Eucharist followed by coffee

Thu 28th 10am Morning Prayer

10.30—11.30am Coffee Morning

Cathedral Choir Practice

Sat 30th 10.30-12.30 Coffee Morning in aid of Marie Curie

## **DATES TO NOTE**

Mon Dec 9th Choirs and Candles in the Cathedral @ 7pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols @ 7pm Thu Dec 19th



Calum Martin Christian Aid is involved with Church



The Scottish Episcopal Church St John's Cathedral A SERVICE

OF **EVENSONG** 

at **5.15pm** 

Sunday Nov 17th

All are warmly welcome



# Help Needed

Could you offer a couple of hours on a rota to serve coffees? With you, we can continue to offer a coffee in a warm space with companionship through the winter...

plus raising much needed funds for our Cathedral... Please see rota in Narthex



Monday November 25th 2.30pm Tea & Cake with Discover more of what

## UPDATE on STANNAH WHEELCHAIR LIFT for Narthex Stairs.

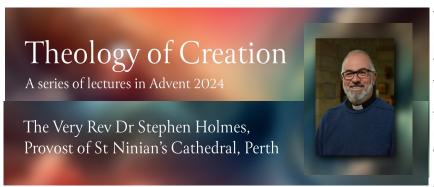
We are currently awaiting a design for a support structure to enable the stairlift to be installed on the banister side of the steps and enable wheelchairs (wheeled and motorised) to be lifted safely to the Narthex level. Once this design is in place, a Buildings Warrant will be applied for and Canon 35 completed. We are in constant touch with those concerned with each aspect of this and hope that this can be installed asap.

# CATHEDRAL HEATING....Notice of Canon 35 Application....

As many are aware, some of the original heating pipes have corroded and are in positions under the floor which are now inaccessible to repair/ along with the boilers which are close to the end of life. We are therefore looking to add an extra electrical wiring phase to allow extra overhead heaters to be installed covering seating areas. We are at the current phase limit. We are awaiting dates re the phase installation and details of heaters to submit a Canon 35, but are advised that the installation of a new could take up to 6 months!

The Vestry have considered every possibility on your behalf and still consider this to be the best, maybe only option. We also hope to find some grant assistance as electricity attracts Net Zero funding. If anyone could assist with grant application forms we would be grateful! Please see Ken or Margi if you can help!

Our new phase is unlikely to be installed before Christmas, we are looking at all possible options......until extra heating is in place, we hope that we can get the overheads to give reasonable heat, but on colder days, we do ask you to wear warmer clothes to assist!



The latest in the series of online short courses provided by the Scottish Episcopal Institute will take place throughout Advent, looking at Creation Theology.

The course, led by the Very Rev Stephen Holmes, Provost of St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth and Associate Tutor at the Institute, is made up of four roughly 40-minute videos with questions for reflection or discussion. We will explore our theology of Creation.

Previewing the talks, Dr Holmes said: "We live in an environmental crisis. Although many Christians are

responding to it in creative ways, there has recently been a neglect of the theology of creation in the Western Churches which has obscured a distinctively Christian response to the crisis. Taking their shape from the 1982 Scottish Liturgy these four sessions aim to outline the main elements of a faithful and orthodox Christian theology of creation which can speak to our contemporaries.

#### Theology of Creation 1 – The Mountain behind the Mountain - 2 December

"Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is."

#### Theology of Creation 2 – Creation through the Word - 9 December

"In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you... He is the Word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made."

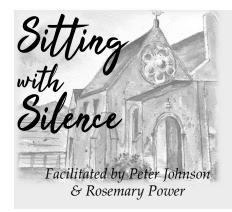
Theology of Creation 3 – New Creation in the Spirit - 16 December

"Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love... Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary."

#### Theology of Creation 4 - Creation perfected in praise - 23 December

"As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory."

The course can be joined at the above links from 7pm each Monday in Advent.



A time for silent reflection with others.... with a short guided introduction

**NEXT:** 

Wed 27 November 12.40 – 1.15pm

in the Lady Chapel

A chance afterwards to eat lunches together in the Narthex

# **Upcoming dates:**

Wed. 18 December Wed. 22 January Wed. 26 February Wed March Wed. 23 April

All always welcome

**Nov 17**тн **Eucharist Readings**: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19 – 25 Mark 13: 1-8

#### COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, forgive the transgressions of your people: and by your goodness release us from the snare of sin, in which, by our frailty, we have been caught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Nov 24<sub>TH</sub> **Eucharist Readings**: Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33–37

## **COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in the kingdom of your well-beloved Son: mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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.

#### INTERCESSIONS

*Province*—Primus Mark and all the Bishops in our Province.

Diocese – Bishop David; Provost Margi; Tom, Assistant Curate (NSM); Canon Ian, Assistant Priest (rtd);

17th: the people of St John's Cathedral, St James's, Ardbrecknish, and Kilbrandon/Luing & clergy (above).

24th: the people of St John's, Ballachulish, St Adamnan's, Duror, St Mary's, Glencoe, St Paul's, Kinlochleven, St Bride's, Onich, and Holy Cross, Portnacrois with The Rev'd Amanda Fairclough.

Anglican Communion - Zanzibar, companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh;

17th: the Anglican Church of Southern Africa: Archbp Thabo Cecil Makgoba

24th: the Anglican Church of South America: Primate Brian Roger Williams

Porvoo Communion — Luleå, Sweden: Bp Åsa Nyström; Norwich, England: Bp Graham Usher

17th: Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church: Archbp Urmas Ummi Viilma; Rochester, Eng: Bp Jonathan Gibbs

24th: Aberdeen & Orkney: Bp Anne Dyer; St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, England: Bp Martin Seeley

## **OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY & WORLDWIDE CONCERNS**

We give thanks for the community of Oban and all who visit during the Winter Festival – for all who work for the wellbeing of others, for our churches and faith communities, businesses, places of education, leisure and tourism. May we always have hearts and minds open to develop further goodwill and work with those who feel disenfranchised.

For an end to atrocities & hostilities, wars and conflicts. For all who negotiate for peace and seek lasting settlements in too many places destroyed by conflicts— in the Middle East, Ukraine and for places destroyed by nature's unrest. We pray for the deliberations at COP29—that real progress may be made in securing the future of the Earth. We pray for a renewed commitment around the world to work to stop the growing impact of climate change on weather patterns. We pray for peace and justice, reconciliation in place of retaliation and understanding in place of hardened hearts and minds.

SUFFERING—those we know & those who have asked for prayer ....Brian...Morag...Jenny...those unable to come to worship, those we visit; all awaiting consultations & diagnosis, or undergoing operations or treatment. May God's healing & wholeness sustain all who are in need, all who cry in silence or aloud, bringing hope & comfort to them & all who care for them.

May all who are affected by sickness, be given strength in faith, hope and the comfort of your love.

DEPARTED- Praying in thanksgiving for the lives of those recently departed, for those known locally and those we remember at this time. May all who have died, in peace or through trauma, sickness or by violence, rest in peace & rise in glory and may all who mourn find comfort in your eternal hope.

We pray for your strength, comfort and presence

#### CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION

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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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