



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH EUCHARIST @ 11am	Oct 25
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON @ 3.30pm	Nov 4 / Dec 6
ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL Eucharist @ 11am	Oct 18/ Nov 1 / Nov 22nd / Nov 29th

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

10.15am	Sung Eucharist for St Luke: Provost Margi
	<i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
5.15pm	St Luke Evensong
Wed 21 11am	Shorter Eucharist with coffee with Provost Margi
Thu 22 10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30-11.30am Coffee, Cake and Chat
	1.30pm Trefoil Guild Service with tea - all welcome
	7pm Cathedral Choir practice

Fri 23rd Oct—Nov 28 Provost Margi on Sabbatical (see p 2)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

10.15am	Sung Eucharist: Bishop David
	<i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
5pm	Fellowship @ 5

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS

10.15am	All Saints Eucharist: Canon Paul
	<i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
3.30pm	Eucharist in Kilbrandon Church: Canon Paul

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8 REMEMBRANCE

9.15am	Eucharist & Act of Remembrance: Canon Paul
	Walk to War Memorial for Remembrance
2.30pm	Oban Music Society Concert
5pm	Fellowship @ 5

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

10.15am	Sung Eucharist: Bishop David
	<i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
5.15pm	Evensong : Bishop David

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22 CHRIST THE KING

10.15am	Sung Eucharist: Bishop David
	<i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
5pm	Fellowship @ 5

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 ADVENT (YEAR B)

10.15am	Advent Sung Eucharist: Provost Margi
	<i>Children's activities / refreshments</i>
	Bach Orchestra Concert tbc

Everyone is welcome to all services and events in the Cathedral and all our churches.

DIARY DATES

WOMENS GROUP	For Dates see p 2
DAD'S & TODDLERS	For Dates see p 2
Saturday Nov 7	10.30am—11.30am
Remembrance Wreath making in Narthex.	
Join Emily to prepare the wreath for Memorial	
Wednesday Nov 11 @ 11am	
Service begins with 2 minutes silence	
Thur Nov 12 @ 12noon	Sharing Faith
bring lunch. (see p2)	
Thur Nov 19 @ 12noon	Sharing Faith
bring lunch. (see p 2)	
Sat Nov 28 10-12noo	Holly Tea
in the Narthex for Marie Curie (see p 5)	
Mon Nov 30 @ 6pm	St Andrews Meal
in Narthex Fish & Chips Meal to be booked by	
Nov 22nd (see p 5)	
Wed Dec 2 @ 12-1pm	Advent Book Group
bring lunch (see p 6)	
Sat Dec 5	Gallery Carols Workshop
10.30-2.30 (see p 5)	
Wed Dec 9 @ 12-1pm	Advent Book Group
bring lunch (see p 6)	
7pm	Cathedral Vestry
Wed Dec 16 @ 12-1pm	Advent Book Group
bring lunch (see p 6)	
Thu Dec 17 @ 7pm	Carol Service
Sat Dec 19 @ 3pm	Concert of Festive Music
with Harp & Clarsach more details to come	
Tue Dec 22 10-2pm	Cathedral decoration
CHRISTMAS EVE	
3pm	Carols around the Crib
11.15pm	Midnight Festive Mass
CHRISTMAS DAY	
10.15am	Festive Christmas Eucharist
OTHER DATES MAY BE ADDED	



Explaining Sabbatical—Provost Margi

I am immensely grateful to Bishop David for agreeing to me taking a short period of Sabbatical from October 23rd—November 29th; and to the Vestry, Bishop David, Canon Paul and Emily for being willing to step into the gaps left and enable the normal running of the Cathedral to continue.

These weeks come after a busy 8 years in the Cathedral and Diocese, and will allow me to step back and tend to

the energy levels of soul and body. Whilst often of 3 months duration, I pray that these weeks will be a restoring time. I am glad that it encompasses our annual Diocesan Clergy Retreat in Bishop's House on Iona which I always find to be a place for spiritual reflection and growth.

For the remainder of the time, we have agreed that my main focus is to rest and restore in order to reset daily patterns and rhythms. However I will also be spending a little time on a project dear to my heart, which is putting together a Calendar of Celtic Saints who are associated with our Diocese, which of course covers the ancient heartland of Celtic Christianity and speaks into our continuing journey as a pilgrim people, rooted and grounded in Argyll and The Isles. We have around 64!

As for some of the time I will be in Oban, I will be deeply grateful if folk do not contact me with business as I will find it hard not to engage! I will not be looking at my emails for the duration.

Please therefore send any emails to: they can go via Emily if the email is not known.

Ken or Colum	for building related issues
Margaret Sime	for Vestry business
Bishop David and the Office	for Diocesan aspects
Canon Paul	for pastoral needs
Emily D'Silva	for general queries—she will then contact whoever is best able to deal with the need.

For Mull, please contact Mary Embleton, for Kilbrandon or Ardbrecknish please contact Canon Paul.

Emily will also be preparing the Weekly Sheet thus anything to go in needs to be with her by the previous Thursday.

James will be away for some parts of this time and we are grateful to George Cringles for stepping in as Organist to assist this and to support the Choir.

I will value your prayers and look forward to returning on Advent Sunday, the start of our new liturgical year and anticipation of the birth of Christ to bring new hope, new life and new stories of faith.

With many thanks and every blessing.

Provost Margi

St John's Cathedral

Meeting again **Mondays @ 3pm**
Oct 19 and Nov 2/16/30
 More details from
 Ina (07854562210) or
 Mal (07548366545) *All welcome*

Prayer...chat...study the Bible

Wednesdays
November 4th & December 2nd
 @ 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

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Dads & Toddlers

anyone can be cool, but awesome takes practice.

NEXT Nov 14th

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



Thursday October 22nd
1.30pm Short Service & Tea
Rededicating the Banner
All welcome

We warmly welcome our local Trefoil Guild, an association that supports the work of Guiding, set up in the 1920's for ex Guides to meet, becoming named the Trefoil Guild in 1943. Scotland covers a large area geographically with beautiful scenery from mountain to sea. At present there are 88 guilds including a lones guild and we have around 1400 members. These guilds range in size from small to large and can be found in small rural areas, large cities and everywhere in between. Members meet to have fun, learn new skills, make friends and support Guiding and their local communities. **Come along at 1.30pm to learn more, as we have a short service to mark the return of the Argyll Trefoil Banner, first dedicated on September 8th 1990 in St John's and now to hang again in our Cathedral...and then tea.**



Sharing Faith ...Telling our Stories

Two relaxed sessions with Emily to explore some of the ways we can tell our stories of faith more confidently and discover how God has moved in our lives.

Thursday Nov 12th @ 12noon in the Cathedral—bring packed lunch.

Thursday Nov 19th @ 12noon in the Cathedral—bring packed lunch.

Why is Jesus so important to me?

Why is Church important to me?

Where is God for me in the difficult times or the good?

How can God help you, the world?

Where is hope?

What questions do you want to talk about?

Faith Story Board



During November there will be a **board in the Narthex...where we can post moments when we have seen God at work...** to encourage ourselves and others. *Please do not use names on the board without permission!*

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Fellowship @ 5



Every 2nd and 4th Sundays
 5pm
 St John's Narthex, George Street

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**THE CATHEDRAL
 RETREAT**



**NOURISHING OUR SOULS AND
 HELPING NATURE FLOURISH**

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered—Ness has your details and will be in touch in a few weeks to start this work and lay out a plan for the coming years.

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2026



A simple shoebox packed with love and care can mean so much. Leaflets with labels and further information are ready to collect in the narthex.

**Please BRING COMPLETED
 BOXES TO THE CATHEDRAL
 from
October 4th until October 25th**

Faith Music Prayer Refreshments

EUCCHARIST READINGS

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Luke 10: 1-9

HYMNS

SP 298 O changeless Christ
 SP 178 Thanks be to God
 SP 218 Jesus calls us
 SP 252 Sing the gospel of salvation
 Communion: SP 257 We sing your praise

COLLECT for St Luke

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

COLLECT for the WEEK

Almighty and merciful God: in your goodness keep from us all that is harmful; that, being ready both in body and soul, we may freely accomplish 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each gosseller is represented by one of the four creatures described in the visions of Ezekiel 1:10 and Revelation 4:7 St Luke has the symbol of a winged ox... a sacrificial animal, because his Gospel stresses the sacrificial nature of Christ's ministry and opens with Zechariah performing priestly duties. Sacrificing bulls represented atonement, covenantal worship, gratitude, and a shadow of ultimate redemption.



DAILY REFLECTING using the Pilgrim Prayer Card
 A step by step way to end the day...take as much time as you need.

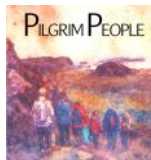
Presence: Become aware of God's loving presence with you

Gratitude: Review the day and give thanks for specific gifts, big or small.

Review: Walk through the day and pay attention to emotions, highs and lows...

Forgiveness: Acknowledge moments where you went wrong and seek God's forgiveness.

Renewal: look to tomorrow and pledge to walk closer with God.



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

PRAYERS

Province: Primus Mark. Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

Diocese: Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul—Canon Missioner and Canon Pastor; Emily D'Silva—Cathedral Ordinand in Training. Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chaplain R.N. For all our Charges as we seek to be closer to NetZero and work for the environment.

Anglican Communion: Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; The Anglican Church of Canada

Porvoo Ch of Sweden: Diocese of Växjö, Bp Fredrik Modéus
 Ch of England: Diocese of Oxford, Bp Steven Croft, Bp Dave Bull, Bp Gavin Collins, Bp Mary Gregory.

World and local community

We pray for the village of Ballachulish—the children, staff and families affected by the fire at their school.

We pray for the families and friends of the fishermen lost at sea by Ness on Lewis that they may have strength and comfort in all that they face.

We pray for wise governance here and around the world, integrity and honesty, care and respect for all people....

We pray for peace, safety and wellbeing for all in Ukraine, for an end to the war and a negotiated, just settlement.

We pray for peace in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza...for an end to hostility and violence and a just resolution.

We pray for peace in all troubled regions of the world....an end to terror and a world where human life is equally valued by all.

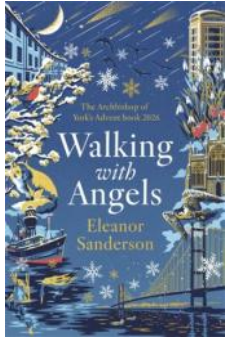
We pray for all who are fearful of threats to our future and stresses in our present...that we may know hope in God

We pray for all who are unwell: for those we know awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatment... for healing and restoration

We pray for those who have lost hope in life and feel troubled or distressed...for trust in God to strengthen and calm our souls...

For all who have lost loved ones in acts of violence or tragic accidents... We pray with all who mourn, that they may know comfort and hope: and we pray that all who have passed into your eternal Kingdom may rest in peace and rise in glory.

NEED TO BOOK FOR A PLACE



WALKING WITH ANGELS—ELEANOR SANDERSON ADVENT BOOK
Listen to the words of angels throughout the Bible and enter Advent with a deeper awareness of the connection between the heaven and earthly realms.

Through the spiritual practice of prayer walking, this reflective guide encourages readers to slow down, step outside, and engage both body and spirit as you journey through the Advent season. Drawing on the words spoken by angels in Scripture, it explores how these messengers of God reveal different aspects of the good news at the heart of the Christian story. Meet on Dec 2/9/16th - 12noon-1pm over a packed lunch.

CATHEDRAL WORKS Canon 35 Permission granted

Following notice of our intentions in Weekly Sheets and on the noticeboard, and after lengthy discussions, the Vestry has received Canon 35 permission to go ahead with these works.

1. **Instal an accessible toilet** on the site of the current Narthex facility—with new entry through the wall in the Narthex. **Instal a machinator toilet in the Macfarlane Room lobby** to add to our facilities and provide water and toilet for those using that room independently.

We are applying for 50% funding but will use UTP reserves as needed. We have £5600 Benefact grant towards the total of approximately £ £61,000 (£49,000 if VAT reclaimable)

2. **Instal a new Sound System in the Cathedral and new Induction Loop**—we will open project fund for donations—all are warmly welcome! (£17,493 or £14,958 if VAT reclaimable)

3. **Remove all cast iron radiators no longer in use from old heating system**—except the 2 at the back of the nave which create a clear delineation for the aisle and chairs. We hope these will be recycled at a Salvage Yard.

WE WILL KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED AS WORKS COMMENCE—FULL PLANS in NARTHEX

CONTACTS AND CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

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)

WAYS of GIVING to the CATHEDRAL

We are so grateful to all who give to the Cathedral to enable our ministry

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For BACS gifts please enter name or 'anonymous donation'
to help with book-keeping.

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=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac](https://www.cafonline.org/system/donate?dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac)

STEWARDSHIP /GIFT AID contact Susannah Hughes
Via website contact page

The Cathedral can now take **CARD PAYMENTS**

Our Card Reader can take Weekly collection, donations or
donate to Coffee by card. Please do give it a go! It will be
available on arrival and at coffee.

CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN

The Very Rev'd Canon Margi Campbell

Cathedral/ Diocese: On Sabbatical Oct 23 to Nov 28
Please contact those below as appropriate...
see p 2 for details.

Cathedral Priest Pastor and Diocesan Canon Missioner
The Rev'd Canon Paul Watson

Please contact Paul if you would like a visit or home communion

07943026773 limited hours at Cathedral

missioner@argyll.anglican.org

Cathedral Ordinand: Emily D'Silva

Contact 078710234395 or emilyatstjohns@gmail.com.

Assisting Priest: (NSM) The Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chapn RN

Cathedral Director of Music: James Campbell contact via

[HTTPS://STJOHNSOBAN.ORG.UK/ABOUTUS/CONTACT-FORM/](https://stjohnsoban.org.uk/aboutus/contact-form/)

CATHEDRAL WEBSITE stjohnsoban.org.uk/

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PROVINCIAL WEBSITE: www.scotland.anglican.org/

For information of services and church life at

ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE—please see our webpage....

<http://www.grulinechurch.org.uk/services.html>

For information of services and church life at

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