THE DIOCESE OF ARGYLL & THE ISLES

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

October 25 2026

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Ceud Mile Fàilte ~ A Warm Welcome

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

10.15am **Sung Eucharist: Bishop David**
Children's activities / refreshments
5pm **Fellowship @ 5 CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS

10.15am **All Saints Eucharist: Canon Paul**
Children's activities / refreshments
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**
Children's activities / refreshments
5.15pm **Evensong : Bishop David**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22 CHRIST THE KING

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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 ADVENT (YEAR B)

10.15am **Advent Sung Eucharist: Provost Margi**
Children's activities / refreshments
3.15pm Bach Orchestra Concert
Conductor: Norman Nicholson
Organ Solos : James Campbell

Every Wed	11am	Shorter Eucharist with coffee
Every Thursday	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30-11.30am	Coffee, Cake and Chat
	7pm	Cathedral Choir practice

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 10-12noon 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

PRAYER AND SERVICE RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK 25TH OCTOBER

EUCHARIST READINGS

1Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

HYMNS

NEH 408 Love Divine
SP 263 Brother, sister
NEH 362 Glorious things
SP 275 God beyond
Communion: NEH 292 Jesu thou joy

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, in your mercy:
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

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

Province: Primus Mark. Diocese of Brechin & Bp Andrew.
Diocese: Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul—Canon Missioner &Canon Pastor; Emily D'Silva—Cathedral Ordinandin Training. Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chaplain R.N.
For all our Charges as we seek to be closer to NetZero & work for the environment.
Anglican Communion: Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; The Church of the Province of Central Africa.
Porvoo Ch of Norway: Diocese of Stavanger, Bp Anne Lise Ådnøy. Ch of England: Diocese of Carlisle, Bp Robert Saner-Haigh.
World & local community We pray for the village of Ballachulish—the children, staff & families affected by the fire at their school & for the neighbouring school in Kinlochleven as they make room to share resources & classrooms with those displaced from Ballachulish.
We pray for the families & friends of the fishermen lost at sea by Ness on Lewis that they may have strength & comfort in all that they face.
We pray for wise governance here & around the world, integrity & honesty, care & respect for all people…..
We pray for peace, safety & wellbeing for all in Ukraine, for an end to the war & a negotiated, just settlement.
We pray for peace in Israel, the West Bank & Gaza…for an end to hostility &violence & a just resolution.
We pray for peace in all troubled regions of the world….an end to terror & a world where human life is equally valued by all.
We pray for all who are fearful of threats to our future & 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 & restoration
We pray for those who have lost hope in life & feel troubled or distressed…for trust in God to strengthen & 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 & hope: & we pray that all who have passed into your eternal Kingdom may rest in peace & rise in glory.

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

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?

<u>During November</u> 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!*

An Cuilidh Cathair Eaglaise

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
<u>October 4th until October 25th</u>

OBAN MUSIC
@ ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
GEORGE STREET

WELCOMES

Michał Ćwiżewicz
violin
Emma Abbate
piano

Folklore

Brahms Dvořák Debussy Shostakovich
Wieniawski Bruch Clarke Bartók

SUNDAY NOV 8 @ 2.30PM

Tickets £15 on the door (Card or cash)

No charge is made for children and young people attending our concerts

Chamber Music Scotland

Refreshments during interval
https://www.obanmusicsociety.com/concerts/

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@ ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
GEORGE STREET

WELCOMES

Tom Hicks
Pianist

Concerto soloist, recitalist & chamber musician
Hicks creates a miniature universe of colouristic wonder" - Piano Journal

Fantasies and Dreams
Mozart, Busoni, Hart, Chopin & Schumann

SUNDAY DEC 13 @ 2.30PM

Tickets £15 on the door (Card or cash)

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GALLERY CAROLS
Sat Dec 5th
10.30—2.30
St John's Cathedral

Come and Sing Workshop
led by James Campbell
on 18/19th century carols sung
before the advent of church organs/ robed choirs.

Experience in part singing helpful.

£10 donation inc music.
Proceeds to Sound System

Bring packed lunch
Coffee provided
Sign up sheet in Narthex

Join the fundraising team for a
IN AID OF Marie Curie

Holly Tea
St John's Cathedral

Saturday November 28th
10am– 12noon

www.mariecurie.org.uk

ORGAN APPEAL FUNDRAISING

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ORGAN FUND APPEAL
THE LAST £10,000

INCREDIBLE TOTAL...
Adding together all the recitals and events over 12 months of fundraising—with some incredible support and remarkable donations (many anonymous) we have reached the spectacular total of—**£54,762.62**

We have a concert (details to come) and Canon Ian's 2027 calendar which he prepared before he died...plus Christmas cards, Recipe Books and Cathedral garments etc...we hope to top the mark before Christmas! Thank you so much to all who have contributed in any way!

UNIQUE CATHEDRAL LOGO
T-shirts.... Polos...sweatshirts... micro-fleece
Ordered through Ness Anderson
Tee's £20 Polo shirts £20
Sweatshirt £28 Fleeces £30

St John's Cathedral, Oban

ST ANDREWS DAY

MONDAY NOV 30TH
6—8PM

SHARE A MEAL TOGETHER IN THE NARTHEX

FISH & CHIPS APP £20
VEGETABLE & CHICKPEA CURRY & CHIPS APP £15

SHORTBREAD & COFFEE

PLUS ST ANDREWS' TABLE GAME

NEED TO BOOK FOR A PLACE

ST COLUMBA'S, MULL NEWS

Mon 19th Oct Ecumenical Harvest on Ulva

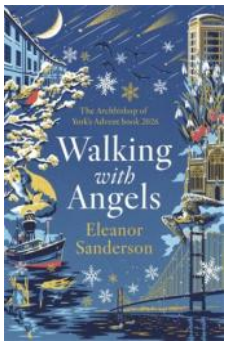
A Walking celebration—wear app footwear/waterproofs

Meet at the Boathouse at 11am to walk and 'coorie' into the new season
Finish at the Boathouse with soup. Financial donations to the foodbank.

'Nourish' Women's Breakfast on Sat November 14th

Jeannie MacColl Room at Ulva Ferry: Speaker Mull Artist—Faith Holmes
For more details contact Mary Embleton via Emily D'Silva.

CATHEDRAL LIFE



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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Acc: 00178722 St John's Cathedral Oban

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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=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbc8f5ac**

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 07871 234395 **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/

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

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