



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

SEPTEMBER 27 @11am Bishop David Railton

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON

OCTOBER 4 @ 3.30pm Provost Margi

ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL HARVEST SEPTEMBER 20 @ 11am Revd Andi Hofbauer

World Council of Churches Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine & Israel

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20 Creation Season 3

10.15am Sung Eucharist with Provost Margi

Children's activities / refreshments

5.15pm Evensong for International Day of Peace

Mon 21 UN International Day of Peace

3pm Women's Group—see p 2

Wed 23 11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee with Provost Margi

Thu 24 10am Morning Prayer

10.30-12noon Coffee Morning

12noon Soulkeeping (see below) please bring a packed lunch

7pm Cathedral Choir practice

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 Creation Season 4

10.15am Sung Eucharist with Provost Margi

Children's activities / refreshments

5pm Fellowship @ 5

DATES

Sun Oct 4th 10.15am Harvest Festival—gifts to Hope

Sun Oct 11th 10.15am Prisons Sunday with The Rev'd Beki Wakeling

Mon Oct 12th 1pm Interring Ashes of Canon Ian Walter at Pennyfuir. All are welcome.

Thu Oct 22nd 1.30pm Trefoil Guild Service with tea



LISTENING TO GOD SPEAKING THROUGH CREATION

In this Season of Creation until October 4th, the Feast of St Francis and our Harvest Festival, we explore **how we can**

listen better to God's voice in how we care for creation amidst the complexities and challenges of the world. How can the Cathedral, how can we in our

daily lives, tell of the difference faith makes to our care for the world of which we are a part.

DAILY REFLECTING

using the Pilgrim Prayer Card

Giving thanks for creation, focusing on all that is around us. ...all that we have encountered in the day

Reflecting on how God's light shines through creation—where we have seen God at work in our everyday life

Pausing to think how we might have impeded God's creative work and where we can enhance it

What can we do tomorrow to celebrate and nurture creation.

GOING DEEPER IN FAITH

Soul Keeping

led by Canon Paul

Two sessions to explore some of the ways we can nurture a greater health and closeness to God in our inner lives. We do not drift into this buty can take small steps that will make all the difference in our Pilgrim Journey.

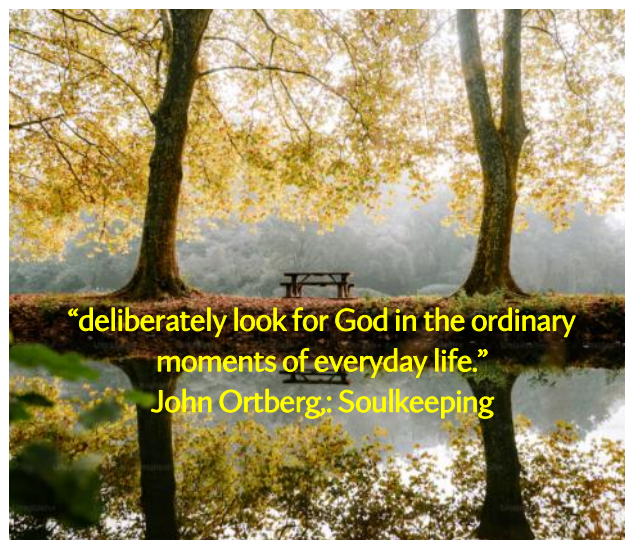
Day: in the Cathedral Narthex

Thurs Sept 24th 12noon Bring a packed lunch

Thurs Oct 8th 12noon Bring a packed lunch

Or evening @ 7 Balnakeil, Dunbeg PA37 1PP

Tues Oct 6th @ 7pm and Tues Oct 27th @ 7pm



"deliberately look for God in the ordinary moments of everyday life."

John Ortberg: Soulkeeping

ORGAN APPEAL FUNDRAISING



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 Fleece £30



CATHEDRAL LIFE



**Wednesday
October 7th
@ 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 infootherwise just turn up!



St John's Cathedral



**Monday September 21
@ 3pm**

Women in the Bible
Looking at Jezebel
More details / venue from
Ina (07854562210) or
Mal (07548366545)

All welcome



Sharing Faith - Telling our Stories— Save the dates....

Two relaxed sessions 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 a packed lunch
Thursday November 19th - 12noon in the Cathedral—bring a packed lunch.



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.

ROOM TO RENT: Tricia, a former worshipper at the Cathedral, currently living in Canada, has sent a message asking whether anyone knows of a room to rent from October for her son—writing a book on the lectionary. If you know of anyone who could help, or for more details —please contact Canon Paul.

EUCCHARIST READINGS

Philippians 1: 21-30 Matthew 20: 1-16

HYMNS

NEH 413 Now thank we
SP 237 Beauty for brokenness
SP 243 Gracious God in adoration
NEH 357 *Father hear the prayer*
NEH 265 Lord of beauty

COLLECT

O God, in whose wisdom all things have been established in order: enlighten the people you have saved, that they may consider the greater wonder of your new creation, brought forth in the fullness of time, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

REFLECTION Season of Creation

"Wherever the river flows, every living creature that swarms will live." — Ezekiel 47:9

Across Africa, the Season of Creation is beginning with a profound truth: **water connects us all**.

From Cape Town to Juba, from the Indian Ocean to the Nile, communities are celebrating water as a source of life, identity, spirituality and justice.

CAPE TOWN – THE PLACE OF SWEET WATERS

Cape Town is known by its indigenous name **Camissa**, meaning "sweet waters". Situated between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans and supplied by mountain streams, rivers and underground water systems, it is truly a city of living waters. The Season of Creation began with an ecumenical service at the historic Groote Kerk of the Dutch Reformed Church. From a pulpit from which words of pain and division once flowed during apartheid, Archbishop Sitembele Sipuka spoke of a different kind of flow: **the healing that must now flow from the Church**. Yet water can also bring pain. He reminded us of communities in Nepal facing devastating floods as glaciers melt, and of the fear experienced by millions when rains fail. Climate change is making water increasingly unpredictable—too much in some places and too little in others. And it is the poorest who suffer first and most. He challenged us to expand our understanding of **Ubuntu*** beyond humanity. If all creation is connected through water, then our circle of care must include rivers, wetlands, oceans, forests, animals and the land itself.

Because of water, we are.

<https://seasonofcreation.org/2026/09/18/streams-of-living-water-across-africa/>

**Ubuntu: An African philosophical concept based on human interconnectedness, often translated as "I am because we are".*



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 Edinburgh: Bishop Dagmar

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. St Kieran's, Campbeltown: St Columba's, Isle of Islay and the Isle of Jura

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

Porvoo Church of England: Sheffield Diocese, Bp Pete Wilcox, Bp Leah Vasey-Saunders Church of Greenland: Bp Paneeraq Siegstad Munk

World and local community

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE ISRAEL

Heavenly Father, God of love, mercy, and peace, We pray with hearts filled with faith and hope, lifting to You all the children of the world, especially our children in Palestine, Israel, and the Middle East, many who live amid fear, violence, displacement, and deprivation. We come to You trusting that You are a loving Father who never forgets His children, that Your eyes watch over every child, and that Your heart is compassionate toward all who suffer and are in need. Lord, You blessed children and embraced them with Your love, saying to Your disciples: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Therefore, we place them in Your hands today, asking You to surround them with Your divine presence, protect them from all evil, fill their hearts with Your peace that surpasses all understanding, and grant all the children of the world the grace of protection, the joy of childhood, and the blessing of peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed: for those we know awaiting diagnosis or undergoing treatment.....

We pray for those who have lost hope in life and feel troubled or distressed.....

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.



Hope Kitchen
New Hope & Green Shoots

HARVEST CELEBRATION

in support of Hope Kitchen

Donate items to help feed people in Oban this Autumn and Winter

- Fresh veg for soup: onions, carrots, parsnips, squashes, potatoes
- Festive treats: Boxes of Biscuits & Chocolates, Mini Christmas puds, Socks, Toiletry Gift Sets,
- Other handy bits: Coffee, Diluting Juice, Tinned Veg, Tinned Meals, Toothpaste, Shower Gel, UHT milk

Harvest Festival

St John's Cathedral October 4
St James Ardbrecknish October 11

Please bring gifts on or before

hopekitchen.org.uk Charity Number SC041770



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. Some empty shoeboxes available...

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

OBAN MUSIC CONCERTS 2026

IN ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

@ 2.30 PM COST £15





SUNDAY OCTOBER 11
Gabrielė Sutkutė piano

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8
Emma Abate and Michał Cwiżewicz violin and piano

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13
Tom Hicks piano





www.obanmusicsociety.com/contact-us/
LEAFLETS WITH DETAILS IN CATHEDRAL

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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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=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfb8c8f5ac>

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

CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN

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The Rev'd Canon Paul Watson

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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 ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH —
<https://orchyandawe.co.uk/st-james-church-ardbrecknish-pa33>