



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON

December 14 ADVENT 3



Every Sunday
2nd & 4th Sundays
3rd Sunday
Wednesdays
Thursdays

10.15am
5pm
5.15pm
11am
10am

Cathedral Sung Eucharist
Fellowship @ 5 Informal worship in the Narthex
Cathedral Evensong
Shorter Cathedral Eucharist
Morning Prayer



ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON

Next service January 11 3pm
Feb 1 @ 3.30pm with Provost Margi

SUNDAY DEC 14		
10.15am	3rd Sunday of ADVENT	Sung Eucharist
		Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Paul Watson
5pm	Fellowship @ 5	CELEBRATION OF LIGHT in songs and readings
Wed 17	11am	Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee
	12.45-1.15	Sitting with Silence (Chapel)
	6pm	Advent Compline & Taize chants with Hot Chocolate (NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)
	7pm	Cathedral Choir Practice
Thu 18	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Coffee and Chat
	7pm	CAROL SERVICE
SUNDAY DEC 21		
10.15am	4th Sunday of ADVENT	Sung Eucharist
		Celebrant: Bishop David
		Preacher: Provost Margi
	5.15pm	Advent Compline & Taize Chants with Hot Chocolate
Dec 23	10am - 1pm	Cathedral decoration—all welcome to assist—music & mince pies help us along! Flowers/ greenery needed!
Dec 24	No Wednesday morning Communion	
	3pm	FAMILY CAROLS AT THE CRIB
	11.15pm	MIDNIGHT MASS
Dec 25	10.15am	CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Dec 28	10.15am	Sung Eucharist
Jan 4	10.15am	Epiphany Celebration Eucharist
Jan 11	3pm	Ardbrecknish Euch & AGM
Jan 18	10.15am	Sung Eucharist then Cathedral AGM

Compline for Advent

Guard us while sleeping...

Wednesday Dec 17 @ 6pm

Sunday Dec 21 @ 5.15pm

Prayers as night falls
with Taizé chants

... a chance to be still...

...a chance to reflect...



Followed by Hot Chocolate



St John's Episcopal Cathedral, George Street, Oban

Christmas @ the Cathedral

CAROL SERVICE

Thurs Dec 18 ~ 7pm

FAMILY CAROLS @ THE CRIB

Christmas Eve ~ 3pm

MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Eve ~ 11.15pm

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Christmas Day ~ 10.15am

All invited All welcome

Leaflets/ posters available in the Cathedral,
please take and invite friends and family,
colleagues and passers-by!



CATHEDRAL CARD EXCHANGE

If you would like to leave cards for friends at the Cathedral...there will be a table where these can be left...

Do check if there are any for you!
Please take any of your unclaimed cards at Christmas.

Please only leave cards for people you know will be at the Cathedral over Christmas.



TREE OF LIGHT PRAYERS

If you would like to remember a loved one over Christmas, or pray for peace, the Tree of Light will be in the Lady Chapel from Sunday 21 Names can be written on stars and placed on the tree. Please respect confidentiality

ADVENT 2025

ADVENT BOOK *Each day includes the text of the antiphon from Common Worship, a Scripture reading exploring its biblical roots, paintings of the antiphon as a focus for meditation, a reflection, a challenge to ponder and an Advent prayer. Contributors include Jane Williams, Chris Russell, Esther Prior, Philip North, Muthuraj Swamy, Tanya Marlow, David Hoyle and Lucy Winket.*



ADVENT COMPLINE & HOT CHOCOLATE

WED DEC 17TH @ 6PM..... SUNDAY 21ST @ 5.15PM Quiet reflection through the beautiful words of Compline, with Taize Chant and reflection...Hot Chocolate available afterwards

ADVENT REFLECTIONS—SEE PAGE 3

During Advent there will be images of 7 Antiphons—names of Jesus—in the Cathedral and in the Weekly Sheet to reflect on. They will offer all who worship in or visit the Cathedral, to reflect on who the coming Christ is, who this child we will welcome at Christmas, can be for us in our lives today.

AS WE LOOK FOR THE COMING OF JESUS INTO THE WORLD, OUR FIFTH ANTIPHON CALLS



O Morning Star,

splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

Jesus, as our morning star brings light, clarity, warmth, healing....the renewal of a new dawn and day. All that seemed to pervade in the darkness is overcome.
This Light brings us to a time when there is no more darkness.

DAILY CHALLENGE

Do we live each day with this light in our lives—our hearts—our minds? Do we pray constantly for the light to break through in our homes, our community, our nations, the world....

TO HEAR THE ANTIPHON

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/the-great-o-antiphons>

TO PRAY

May the light of God's coming dawn on all who live in places of darkness and fear;
binding up the pain of the broken-hearted, restoring the sick and raising up all who have fallen.



OUR SIXTH ANTIPHON REFLECTS

O King of the nations,

and their desire, the cornerstone making both one:
Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

Humanity is good at dividing, drawing lines, treating 'otherness' as a threat or even sin.

The King of the Nations is about drawing us all into one around Him and removing all that blinkers us or hardens our hearts towards each other. The lion shall lie with the lamb ... and the little child shall lead them....

DAILY CHALLENGE

How do we speak of the Kingdom? How do we show these values in our lives, in our opinions....?

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TO PRAY

In joyful expectation of Christ's coming as King of the Nations....

We pray for peace between warring countries, for the laying down of all weapons and the peoples of your Nation walk in your ways. Amen, come Lord Jesus.

ORGAN FUND APPEAL 2025

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN APPEAL FUND		
£20,745		£55,500
£17,500		£55,000
£16000	62 draw stops	£50,000
£12000	183 keys	£45,500
£10000		£45,250
£9000	49 thumb pistons	£45,000
£8000		£42,876.77
£7000	16 channels	£41,391.63
£6000		
£5000	9 speakers	
£4000		
£3000	32 pedals	
£2000		£28,743.00
£1000	18 toe pistons	£24,983.00
£500		£23,627.44

THANK YOU SO MUCH! TO ALL WHO ARE DONATING & ATTENDING ORGAN APPEAL EVENTS.

We have reached an incredible **£42,876.77**

We are being blessed with gifts and time, skills and support...donations both large and small all coming together to show the importance and value placed on the music in our worship, for us now and as a gift into our future.

Please take this as the Cathedral's ongoing thanks. We are looking, at the end of fundraising, at a way of marking all those who wish to have names mentioned as donors. **CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARDS** are available - orders can be taken, PLUS **CALENDARS FOR 2026** with photos by Canon Ian Walter are now available... and **RECIPE BOOKS** still for sale.



Calendar 2026
with scenic views from
around the diocese of
Argyll and The Isles
in support of
the organ fund at
St John's Cathedral, Oban

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN
ORGAN FUND APPEAL 2025

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARDS



GLORY TO THE NEWBORN
King

**£5
FOR 6
3 OF EACH
DESIGN**



PEACE ON
Earth

GREETING
Wishing you a joyful Christmas

Recipe Book

A Recipe Book produced for the 1994 Bradford Organ...now reprinted by generous sponsorship to raise funds for the 2025 Organ Appeal. A donation of at least £5 is requested.

ORGAN DONATIONS Can be made through this QR CODE via CROWDFUNDING Line up phone camera on QR code and link to crowdfunding.... follow instructions to pay into Cathedral account



DRINK COFFEE & TEA

at Cathedral services & events....All donations PLUS All souvenir purchases go to the Organ Appeal - **please give generously!**



OBAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

FREE

Summer in January

FAMILY FUN DAY

Corran Halls

SATURDAY
24TH JANUARY
1pm - 4pm

All the fun of a summer fair... in January!

Bouncy Castles - Crafts - Games - Lego - Facepainting - Storytelling - Refreshments

SUMMER in JANUARY—see left.... This great day is being offered to our community by Oban Churches Together. If you can offer help - welcoming etc (face painters needed also!) please have a chat with Canon Paul Watson or Emily D'Silva.



NEXT Dad's & Toddlers Sat January 10th...
More details from Canon Paul

Thank you to the wonderful team who helped clean the Cathedral yesterday—an amazing amount of work achieved and great social occasion too!

CARD PAYMENTS



The Cathedral now has a Card Reader and can take **WEEKLY COLLECTION OFFERINGS** or **COFFEE DONATIONS** by card. It will be on the book desk on arrival and at coffee. We hope that this will help as less cash is carried!

Dec 14 ADVENT 3 Year A

Eucharist Readings Isaiah 35: 1-10 Matthew 11: 2-11

Hymns: Sheet, Sheet, SP 17, Sheet. Communion SP 10

COLLECT Stir up our prayers, Lord, and hear us: that they who are sorrowful and suffering may rejoice at the Advent of your only-begotten Son; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

INTERCESSIONS

Province—Primus Mark,

Diocese— Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul, Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chpl RN/ Asst Pr; Canon Ian - Priest (rtd) The Rev'd Paul Fletcher and people of St Andrew's Fort William.

Anglican Communion—Zanzibar, our link diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil; Primate Martinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto.

Porvoo Communion Borg, Norway: Bp Kari Mangrud Alvsvåg; Southwell & Nottingham, Eng. Bp Paul Williams.

Our Ministry—as we prepare for God's coming, we pray that we may reach out to those around us and encourage them to come to Advent and Christmas Services....that all in our towns and countryside may see a new vision of the heart of Christmas and come to rejoice in the presence of God.

Oban Churches—as we prepare to offer the town a joyful day of fun on January 24th.

Worldwide and local... For places of conflict—Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and the West Bank, Sudan and all places of violence & unrest. That plans for peace will be lasting, fair and just. For the innocent caught up, those enduring starvation, the grieving, injured and lost, scared and those without homes or family.

For trust to grow between nations and peoples.

For places disrupted and scarred by the unrest of nature, For all we know who are unwell, awaiting, undergoing or recovering from treatment; for the lonely & those who have lost hope...May your Spirit bring wholeness and healing, hope & the joy of new life.

As we remember those lost to our earthly sight—especially Tom Files, we pray that his family, friends and all who mourn the loss of loved ones will be held in your promise of eternal life and this hope will bring comfort.



Hope Kitchen
New Hope & Green Shoots
2 Soroba Road, Oban PA34 4HU

Christmas Calendar

Weds 17 Dec 1-2.30pm Soup & Carols
Fri 19 Dec 5pm - Christmas Dinner
Sat 20 Dec 1-3.30pm - Christmas Karaoke
Tues 23 Dec 2-3.30pm - Christmas Craft Group
Tues 23 Dec 4-6pm DIY Christmas Dinner
Weds 24 Dec 2-4pm Movie: *It's a Wonderful Life*
Thurs 25 Dec 12-3.30pm - Christmas Day Lunch
& festive music, games & gifts
Fri 26 Dec 11am-4pm - Hot lunch, followed by music group
Sat 27 Dec 11am-2pm Soup & Bread lunch
Mon 29 Dec 11am-4pm Lunch & Board Games
Tues 30 Dec 11am-4pm - Lunch & Craft
Weds 31 Dec 11am-4pm Lunch & Music Jam
4pm Quiz followed by
Hogmanay Steak Pie Dinner at 5pm
Thurs 1 & Fri 2 Jan - Closed

Events to share at Hope over Christmas & New Year

Be still and know that I am God



It is with the deepest sadness that we learnt of the unexpected death of Tom Files. In the deep pain of shock and loss, we pray for his family, that your comfort and peace, strength and hope will enfold and uphold them; and we pray that Tom now rests in God's secure and eternal love, that he knows peace.

Rest in peace and rise in glory

CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2025

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

Link for Finances—David Pollard

Secretary—Margaret Sime

4 CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

Stewardship/ Gift Aid—Susannah Hughes

Members: Mark Evetts, Jenny McEvoy, Joy Blakeney

ACTING ON BEHALF OF & REPORTING TO SYNOD

Safeguarding: Catriona Petit **Assisting:** Mel Crossley

WAYS of GIVING to the CATHEDRAL We are so grateful to all who give to the Cathedral to safeguard our present & future

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Via website contact page

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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

<https://www.cafonline.org/system/donate?dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac>