



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON



Advent 4 ~ Christmas ~ Epiphany

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 21	4th Sunday of ADVENT
10.15am	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
SUNDAY DEC 28	1st after Christmas
10.15am	Sung Eucharist ~ Canon Paul
Wed 31	11am Shorter Eucharist ~ Canon Ian
Thur 1st	No Morning Prayer or Coffee No Cathedral Choir Practice

2026

SUNDAY JAN 4	EPIPHANY EUCHARIST
10.15am	Sung Eucharist ~ Provost Margi
Wed 7	11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee
Thur 8	10am Morning Prayer 10.30-11.30 Coffee Morning 7pm Cathedral Choir Practice
Fri 9	12noon Funeral for Tom Files in the Cathedral
Sat 10	9.30-11am Dad's & Toddlers in the Hall
SUNDAY JAN 11	Baptism of our Lord
10.15am	Sung Eucharist
3pm	Short Eucharist & AGM Ardbrecknish

MANY THANKS to all who have helped during our Christmas celebrations. Decorating, serving, stewarding, reading, finances, making & serving refreshments, erecting the tree, changing candles and cleaning brass etc....all make everything so special for congregation and visitors. Special thanks also to our Director of Music and Choir for the wonderful music at the Carol Service and all that they continue to offer over Christmas and into the new year. We also thank the donor of our beautiful tree for his continued support and generosity.

THANK YOU SO MUCH... from James & Margi for all the cards and good wishes.

We wish everyone a truly blessed Christmas

Margi will be taking some time off after Christmas until Jan 4th. In case of emergency, please contact Canon Paul

St John's Episcopal Cathedral, George Street, Oban

Christmas @ the Cathedral

FAMILY CAROLS @ THE CRIB

Christmas Eve ~ 3pm

MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Eve ~ 11.15pm

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Christmas Day ~ 10.15am

EPIPHANY EUCHARIST

January 4th ~ 10.15am

All invited All welcome

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



Final Compline for Advent

Guard us while sleeping...

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



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

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Saviour:

Come and save us, O Lord our Gd.

DAILY CHALLENGE The coming of God into our lives radically transforms us. As we pray: *O come, Emmanuel*, are we being totally honest in what that really means, what we are truly asking? But without his coming, we are lost, he is our only hope, personally and for the world. In these last days, before we recall and celebrate again Christ's Birth, may we take time to pause and hold in our hearts our deep need and his great gift—are we willing, with Mary, to say—*Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.* Are we willing to bear Jesus to the world?

TO HEAR THE ANTIPHON

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

TO PRAY

God our Redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of your Son;
Grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him in his manger and when he comes again as our judge.

ORGAN FUND APPEAL 2025

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

TO ALL WHO HAVE AND ARE DONATING

We have reached an incredible **£43,092.37**

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.

Events for the fundraising will resume in the New Year.

ORGAN DONATIONS Can still 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!**

£20,745	ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL	
£17,500	ORGAN APPEAL	
£16000	FUND	£55,500
£12000	62 draw stops	£55,000
£10000	183 keys	£50,000
£9000		£45,500
£8000	49 thumb pistons	£45,250
£7000		£45,000
£6000	16 channels	£43,092.37
£5000	9 speakers	£41,391.63
£4000		
£3000	32 pedals	£28,743.00
£2000		£24,983.00
£1000	18 toe pistons	£23,627.44
£500		

INTERCESSIONS

Full intercessions will return with the January 11th weekly sheet.

Province—Primus Mark, The Board, staff and students of the Scottish Episcopal Institute, the staff and officers of the General Synod Office and all committees.

Diocese – Bishop David, Provost Margi, Canon Paul: Canon Missioner, Canon Ian: Assistant Priest (rtd) Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN. For all the churches and places of worship in our Diocese and for all who lead and minister. For churches in the Anglican Communion and Porvoo

Let us pray through Jesus our Saviour.

Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless, all who seek refuge in places far from home..

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep, all who fear, all in need ...

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed for faith, in homes, in places where there is conflict and war ...

Christ, whose star shone brightly, lead us out of darkness, out of sickness through the pain of grief....

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern.....

Christ, whose birth changed lives, be with all who help us, who care for us – families, friends – all emergency and care services, all who enable our daily lives to function through their work....

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you, especially those lost recently... we remember the life of Tom Files and pray that his family and friends, together with all who mourn the loss of loved ones, will know and hold firm your promise of eternal life and this hope will bring comfort.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, the perseverance of the Magi and the peace of the Christ-child be with each of us and all for whom we pray

Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary, you know us and love us, you share our lives and hear our prayers.

Be present with us and transform our lives by your birth. Glory to you for ever. Amen.

ADVENT 4 **Readings:** Isaiah 7: 10-16 Matthew 1: 18-25

Stir up your power, Lord, and come: and strengthen us by the might of your love; that, although we are hindered by our sins, your abundant grace and mercy may quickly come and save us; for you live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

CHRISTMAS EVE **Readings:** Isaiah 52: 7-10 John 1: 1-14

O God, you have made this most holy night grow radiant with the brilliance of the true Light: grant that, as we have known the mystery of that Light on earth, so we may delight in him in heaven; 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.

CHRISTMAS DAY **Readings:** Isaiah 9: 2, 6- 7 Luke 21: 1-20

O God, who wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of our human nature: grant that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity; who lives and reigns with you, in the **unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.**

Dec 28 First after Christmas **Readings:** Isaiah 63: 7-9 Matthew 2: 13-23

O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our Saviour, so we may with confidence behold him as he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you, in the **unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.**

Jan 4 EPIPHANY **Readings:** Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2: 1-12

O God, who, by the guidance of a star, revealed your only-begotten Son to the nations: Grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at the last be led to see your glory face to face; 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.

Almighty God

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal.



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



OBAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

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.

Bringing light into the darker months



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



Not got cash? The Cathedral can now take CARD PAYMENTS

The Cathedral now has a Card Reader and can take WEEKLY COLLECTION, ORGAN DONATIONS 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!

KEEPING IN TOUCH with BISHOP DAVID and the DIOCESE

Bishop David regularly updates the Diocese through his facebook page—and our Diocesan Facebook page on all that he does, week by week, both in the Province and his many trips around the Diocese to each of our Charges. Reading his posts helps us to keep in touch with each other, be aware of the joys and needs of churches around Argyll and The Isles. You can find these updates on his page or our Diocesan page.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064817552737>

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=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbc8f5ac>