



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON

December 7 ADVENT 2



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 11th 3pm
Dec 7 @ 3.30pm with Provost Margi

SUNDAY DEC 7	10.15am	2nd Sunday of ADVENT
		Sung Eucharist
		Preacher: Rosemary Power
	2.30pm	OMS Concert..Apollo's Cabinet (see p4)
	3.30pm	Episcopal Eucharist in Kilbrandon
Mon 8	<i>all day</i>	<i>Chairlift & Fire Alarm engineers in Cathedral...limited access</i>
Wed 10	11am	Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee
	7pm	Cathedral Vestry in Macfalane Room
Thu 11	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Coffee and Chat
	6pm	Advent Compline & Taize chants with Hot Chocolate
	7pm	Cathedral Choir Practice
Fri 12		<i>With apologies—Listening Art has been cancelled—new date soon.</i>
Sat 13	9.30–11am	Dad's & Toddlers (Hall)
	9.30–1pm	Cathedral Clean—all help hugely appreciated....
		Mince pies and Christmas music to help!
SUNDAY DEC 14	10.15am	3rd Sunday of ADVENT
		Sung Eucharist
		Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Paul Watson
	5pm	Fellowship @ 5

Compline for Advent

Guard us while sleeping...

Prayers as night falls
with Taizé chants
... a chance to be still...
...a chance to reflect...



Followed by
Hot Chocolate

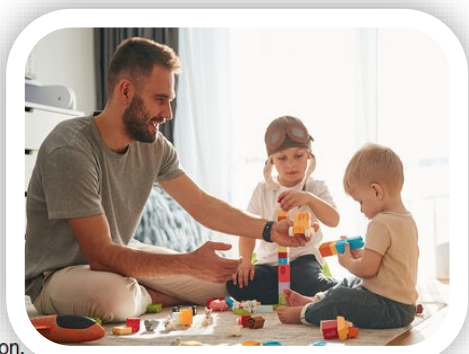


Dad's and Toddlers

Saturday December 13th
9.30–11.00 am
At St. John's Cathedral Hall
(Behind Coasters)

Bairns...banter...and bacon rolls.

Second Saturday each month.
Contact:
Paul 07943026773 for more information.



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!

DATES to NOTE

Dec '17	12.45–1.15 Sitting with Silence (Chapel)
Dec 18	Carol Service @ 7pm
Dec 23	Cathedral decoration
Dec 24	No Wednesday Communion
	Crib Service 3pm
	Midnight Mass 11.15pm
Dec 25	Christmas Eucharist 10.15am
Dec 28	Eucharist 10.15am
Jan 4	Epiphany Eucharist 10.15am
Jan 11	Ardbrecknish Euch & AGM 3pm
Jan 18 th	Cathedral AGM after Eucharist

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

THURS DEC 11TH @ 6PM.....TUES DEC 16TH @ 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 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 THIRD ANTIPHON CALLS 'O ROOT OF JESSE'



*O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples;
before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer:
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer*

Amidst all our turmoil, the Root of Jesse stands firm.... it cannot be destroyed.
in Christ, the Root of Jesse we find understanding, counsel and strength.

DAILY CHALLENGE

Injustice may seem to flourish but its days are numbered....how does the promise of Christ's ultimate authority change how we react to injustice around us....shape our lives, inspire our words and actions...

TO HEAR THE ANTIPHON

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

TO PRAY

Lord Jesus, Root of Jesse, help me to stand firm in you,
Trusting that your justice and righteousness will prevail.
May I be a sign of your hope in a world that desperately needs you.

OUR FOURTH ANTIPHON REFLECTS ON THE HOLINESS OF GOD



*O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;
you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open:
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

Some are incarcerated unjustly in prisons, held hostage—that need for freedom is easy to
Understand, especially when we live in relative freedom and democracy.

But we are captive to sin, our failures to uphold truth, some are captive in poverty, to climate change, life choices.

DAILY CHALLENGE

How do we give voice to the refugee, prioritize the marginalised, speak truth to power?
Do we truly know within ourselves the freedom given to us by the coming of the key to freedom?

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TO PRAY

Lord Jesus, you are the key of David, who liberates us from the prison cell and releases us into the the dazzling light of eternal day. May we not take for granted your gift of freedom in our lives but rejoice to share it with a captive humanity.

ORGAN FUND APPEAL 2025

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN FUND APPEAL		
£20,745	62 draw stops	£55,500
£17,500	183 keys	£55,000
£16,000	49 thumb pistons	£50,000
£12,000	16 channels	£45,500
£10,000	9 speakers	£45,250
£9,000	32 pedals	£45,000
£8,000	18 toe pistons	£42,500
£7,000		£41,391.63
£6,000		
£5,000		
£4,000		
£3,000		
£2,000		£28,743.00
£1,000		£24,983.00
£500		£23,627.44

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.

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

We have reached an amazing **£41,391.63**

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



£5
FOR 6
3 OF EACH
DESIGN



GREETING

Wishing you a joyful Christmas

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!**



OBAN MUSIC
@ ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

WELCOMES
APOLLO'S CABINET

A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE KING...
MUSIC AT THE COURT OF
FREDERICK THE GREAT

MUSIC BY:
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JS BACH... HASSE...
BUXTEHUDE... TELEMANN...
KIRNBERGER

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DECEMBER 7 @ 2.30 PM**

Tickets £15 on the door No charge for children and young people

Refreshments during interval
<https://www.apolloscabinet.com/>
<https://www.obanmusicsociety.com/concerts/>

Chamber Music Scotland
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NEWS from the PROVINCE

- **SEC responds to the Nairobi-Cairo Proposals** which offer a revised definition of the Anglican Communion and suggest an enhanced role for the Primates' Meeting together with a rotating presidency of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC). Full details at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/sec-responds-to-the-nairobi-cairo-proposals/>
 - **INSPIRES ONLINE**—the monthly SEC magazine includes SEC tributes to Bishop Gregor and Bishop Bob.... News of Youth appointments and SEI new Chaplain.... Also news of Radion 3 Choral Evensong from Glasgow and Revd Diana Hall on Radio Scotland...
 - **If you missed the 2025 SEI Lecture: 'Scottish Theology & ScotLand'** Dr Dafydd Mills Daniel, Lecturer in Divinity, School of Divinity, St Andrew's University it can be found <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCk6gNjBDYk>
 - **PLUS the Autumn edition of SEI Journal is available now**—'The Future of Liturgy', guest edited by Revd Canon Professor David Jasper and Dr Bridget Nichols.
- And much more @ <https://mailchi.mp/scotland/inspires-online-for-november-2025>

Dec 7 ADVENT 2 Year A

Eucharist Readings Isaiah 11:1-10 Matthew 3:1-12

Hymns: NEH 7 NEH 5 NEH 12 NEH 10 Comm: SP 9

COLLECT

Stir up our hearts, Lord, to prepare the way of your only-begotten Son: that, in his coming, we might serve you with our hearts made pure; 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Province—Primus Mark, The Episcopal Vacancy in Edinburgh, the Preparatory Group, and all who have offered themselves for nomination.

Diocese— Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul, Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chpl RN/ Asst Pr; Canon Ian - Priest (rtd) people of St Peter's, Stornoway, and St Moluag's, Eòropaidh: The Rev'd Jody Szoke

Anglican Communion—Zanzibar, our link diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; United Church of Bangladesh: Moderator Samuel Sunil Mankhin

Porvoo Communion Chester, Eng: Bp Mark Tanner; Kuopio, Finland: Bp Jari Juhani Jolkkonen

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 and 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.

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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STEWARDSHIP /GIFT AID contact Susannah Hughes
Via website contact page



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

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.

For all mourning the loss of loved ones that your promise of eternal life will bring comfort and hope.

CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION

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Assisting Priest (Rtd) The Rev'd Canon Ian Walter

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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>