



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON



THE
SCOTTISH
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

February 1 ~ Feast of Presentation

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

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Easter Day: 11am with Bishop David
Feb 1 @ 3.30pm with Provost Margi



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1

Presentation of Christ in the Temple /Candlemas

10.15am Festive Eucharist celebrating Light

as our season around the Incarnation draws to its close

3.30pm Episcopal Eucharist in Kilbrandon

Wed 4 11am Shorter Eucharist with coffee St Brigid of Kildare

Thu 5 10am Morning Prayer

10.30-11.30 Coffee Morning URGENT NEED for helpers

2pm Ecumenical leaders prayers in Parish Church

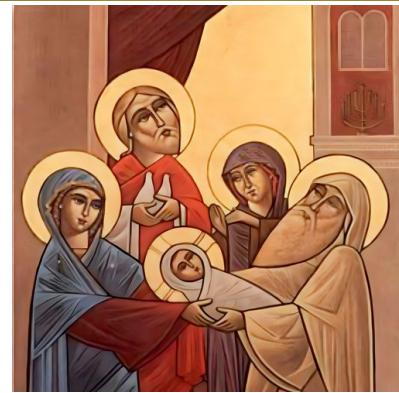
7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

10.15am Sung Eucharist with Baptism of Otis

2.30pm Oban Music Society Concert at Rockfield

5pm Fellowship @ 5



Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our
light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Bernadette Farrell



THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

marks the day when the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem as a firstborn son, according to the Law, to be offered to God in thanksgiving. Simeon took the baby in his arms and recognised him as the One that they had been waiting for:

"A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel".

Anna calls for all around to look and see who is truly in their midst. But

Simeon's final words, *that a sword will pierce Mary's heart*, move our attention away from the celebration of the Incarnation: we turn our focus to the Passion as Lent swiftly approaches in our Church Year.

Also known as **CANDLEMAS**, ancient traditions at this time blessed all the 'lights' or candles in the church; then offered a candle to all worshippers for use in their home, praying that all who saw the outward and visible light would remember and be blessed by the inner light of Christ:

"who lightens everyone who comes into the world."

 We continue this tradition today in the Cathedral, offering a candle to each person to take home and use as a visible reminder of the light of Christ, within us and around us: and our calling to shine this light through our lives.

Of course, February 1st is also the **Feast of St Brigid** whom we shall remember on Wednesday. It is said that when Brigid built her monastery and church at Kildare, she continued the pagan custom of keeping a perpetual flame alight on the hill at Kildare. The flame represented for her the new light of Christianity shining brightly across the land. This flame survived until the 16th century when it was extinguished at the reformation of the monasteries, but was reignited, on February 1st 2006, and is now kept burning as a beacon of hope, justice and peace.

We take our candles home and place them prominently, to remind ourselves of the light of Christ, born into the world and now shining on through us. Whatever happens around us....

the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Jn 1:5





**Congregational Invite to the
DIOCESAN CONFERENCE and SYNOD 2026
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February
The Corran Halls, 54 Corran Esplanade, Oban, Argyll, PA34 5AB.**

THE DIOCESAN CONFERENCE—Tuesday 10 February 2026

This day is open to both clergy and members of congregations.

We will be focusing on intentional discipleship and local mission during our first day of Synod. The Conference will be led by the Canon Missioner, the Revd Paul Watson. The sessions will be varied and engaging, participative and stimulating as we explore the hope that Jesus offers us personally and the communities in which we are placed. We will be unpacking what the local church is the hope of the world may mean for us in surprising and unexpected ways in our scattered and beautiful locations.

The day will begin with Morning Prayer at 10.00am, with tea and coffee available from 9.30am, and will conclude with Closing Prayers at 3.30pm.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be available.

Please contact the Diocesan office if you would like to attend but have not yet filled in a form.....office@argyll.anglican.org

DIOCESAN SYNOD EUCHARIST—Tuesday 10 February 2026 @ 5.30pm

We hope that as many congregation as possible will be able to attend the Diocesan Synod Eucharist in the Cathedral, a wonderful opportunity to unite together in worship as the Diocese and to offer our welcome and hospitality. No need to book!

DIOCESAN SYNOD ANNUAL MEETING—Wednesday 11 February 2026

All are warmly invited to attend

The Diocesan Synod business sessions will begin with Morning Prayer at 10.00am, with tea and coffee available from 9.30am, and will conclude with Closing Prayers at 3.30pm.

A soup and sandwich lunch will be available.

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BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2026
Healing children. Supporting families. Restoring hope.



Faith in Action

Princess Basma Centre is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, responding to urgent need with compassion, dignity and professionalism. In the midst of ongoing crisis, their teams continue to show extraordinary courage and commitment.

Through Embrace the Middle East, churches and supporters in Scotland and the rest of the UK are standing alongside this vital Christian ministry of healing and peace. Even a small donation can make a powerful difference.

To donate, scan the QR code (right) and include the words 'Lent appeal' in the description - or contact the Diocesan Office on 01631 570870 or email office@argyll.anglican.org

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A Lifeline for Children in Gaza

Children in Gaza are growing up amid devastating conflict, displacement and deprivation. Many are living with life changing injuries, trauma, disability, and severe malnutrition. Access to food, specialist healthcare and psychological support remains extremely limited - especially for the most vulnerable.

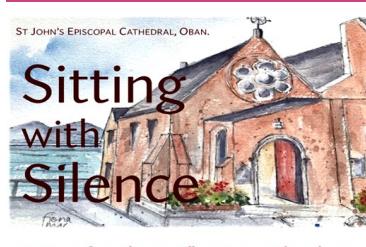
Through this year's Bishop's Appeal, we invite you to support the lifesaving work of Embrace the Middle East and its longstanding Christian partner, the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, as they provide rehabilitation, nutrition, therapy and trauma care for children in Gaza.



“Rehabilitation is not only about survival - it is about restoring dignity, resilience and the chance to live.”

Journey with Embrace the Middle East this Lent. Embrace is a Christian development charity working with trusted partners across the Middle East to serve the most vulnerable. There are updates, video Lent reflections and more at: www.embraceme.org

There is much happening in the life of the Cathedral.....details of Lent services, Lent reading and gatherings in next week's sheet...



St John's Cathedral, George Street, Oban.

Women's Group

We will start a 6 session focus on Joyce Rupp's book **"The Cup of our life"**, meeting fortnightly, 10.30am-12.00pm, on Fridays, Next meeting—February 13 by the coffee tables in the Cathedral.

The idea of the book is to use the symbolism of a physical cup to explore prayer about every day life. We will learn to pray with a cup in a creative, light way. Topics covered are:

The cup of life,
The open cup,
The chipped cup,
The broken cup,
The cup of compassion,
The blessing cup.

Contact Mal: 07548366545 or Ina: 07854562210 for more information.

Otherwise, please join us on Friday 30th at 10.30 am and please bring **your own cup** that is special to you, to use in the session :)



OBAN MUSIC @THE ROCKFIELD CENTRE

LICK LEE'S SWINGET
Featuring Alison Affleck

SUNDAY FEB 8@ 2.30PM
Tickets £15 on the door
No charge is made for children and young people attending our concerts
<https://www.obanmusicsociety.com/concerts/>

Featuring Music from the Golden Age of Jazz

Chamber Music Scotland **OSCR**

Morning Prayer
is said in the Cathedral on Thursday mornings
10am - 10.15am
We warmly welcome you
A beautiful way to set the day with God.



Second Saturday of every month
9.30am—11am
St John's Cathedral Hall
(behind Coasters)

Bairns...barter...and bacon rolls.
Next February 14th
Contact: Paul 07943026773 for more information

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St John's Cathedral Coffee Morning
Every Thursday 10.30am ~ 11.30am
Time to chat....
Everyone Welcome



VISITS for HOME COMMUNION Please ring Canon Paul on 07943026773 if you would like a visit, or home communion if you are unable to be at services.

Not got cash? The Cathedral can now take CARD PAYMENTS

The Cathedral now has a Card Reader and can take Weekly collection, Organ Donations and or Coffee donations by card. Please do give it a go! It will be on the book desk on arrival and at coffee.



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
Secretary—Margaret Sime

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

Members: Mark Everts, Jenny McEvoy, Joy Blakeney, John Murphy, Catriona Petit
Safeguarding: Catriona Petit
Assisting: Mel Crossley (not vestry)

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