

THE
DIOCESE
OF ARGYLL
& THE ISLES



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON

July 6th Pentecost 4



THE
SCOTTISH
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

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

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON ~ OPENFORALL:

July 20 @ 11am Canon Tony Sparham

July 6 @ 3.30pm

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY JULY 6

10.15am

3.30pm

PENTECOST 4

Cathedral Sung Eucharist

Episcopal Eucharist in Kilbrandon ~ openforall

Tue 8 10.445am

Bible Study (see below)

Wed 9 11am

Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee

Thu 10 10am

Morning Prayer

10.30am

Coffee and Chat

Fri 11th 12noon

Funeral for Peter Wigley

SUNDAY JULY 13

10.15am

Sea Sunday

Cathedral Sung Eucharist with Guest Preacher:

David Graham—Mission to Seafarers.

Retiring Collection to Mission to Seafarers

5pm

Fellowship @ 5

JULY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 23 July Sitting with Silence (see p2)

Fri 25 July Concert Kosonen Ranieri Duo (see p 2)

Sat 26 July Licencing and Installation of The Revd Canon Paul Watson as Canon Missioner @ 5pm

Please come and welcome Paul and Ina as they move into our town and Diocese. Paul will be spending one day per week and one Sunday per month working in the Cathedral with the remainder spent across the Diocese to further missional thought and action, and develop lay ministries.

Sun 27 July Bp David celebrates at the Cathedral as we welcome Canon Paul and Ina to our Sunday worship.

HOME COMMUNION or VISITS

Please ring Provost Margi

on 01631 562323

or email:

provostoban@argyll.anglican.org

if you have had, or would like to

take communion at home

because you are unable to be at services, or if you would like a visit.

Please be in touch with

Provost Margi

to arrange a date.

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

Fellowship @ 5

All Welcome for
music, prayer
& discussion
with food

Every 2nd & 4th Sundays
5pm
St John's, Narthex, George Street

#inclusive #open #informal

July 13 July 27
Aug 10th Aug 24
Sept 14

St John's Episcopal Cathedral, Oban

SEA SUNDAY

JULY 13TH

All welcome to our

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

at 10.15am

Guest Preacher: David Graham

Retiring Collection for
The Mission to Seafarers, Scotland

*Giving thanks & praying for all who
work at sea & those who
support them in difficult times*

SC016664

THE MISSION
TO SEAFARERS
SC041938

BIBLE STUDY

The next monthly Bible study
is on

Tuesday 8th July
considering Titus 3

As usual, 10.45 for 11,
finishing at 12 noon,
at Gigulum.

More details from
Donald Shell



St James, Ardbrecknish

The Scottish Episcopal Church by Loch Awe
Part of the worldwide Anglican Communion

Upcoming services in 2025

11:00 18th May - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham
11:00 15th Jun - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham
10:30 22nd Jun - Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN*
11:00 20th Jul - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham
10:30 10th Aug - Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN*
11:00 17th Aug - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham
11:00 21st Sep HARVEST - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham
11:00 19th Oct - Rev'd Canon Tony Sparham
10:30 16th Nov - Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN*



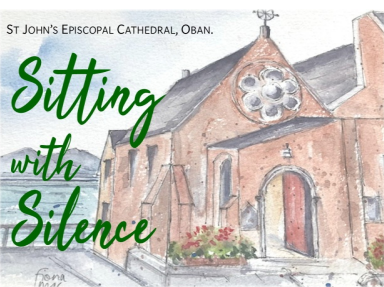
Find us:
PA33 1BH



CHAIRLIFT INSTALLATION

The chairlift will be installed on the afternoon of Wednesday July 16th and possibly some work to finish on Thursday 17th.
The Cathedral will be closed on the 16th in the afternoon but we hope to be able to be open on the 17th.

We are grateful for the Benefact Cathedral Grants for 2023 and 2024, together with the MacNab Trust Grant which together have covered most of the cost.



*A time for silent reflection with others...
with a short guided introduction*

**23 July 27 August
24 Sept 22 Oct 26 Nov 17**

*A chance afterwards to eat lunches together in the Narthex
All are always welcome*

'THE BEAUTY OF BEES'



**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
17TH - 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025**
a creative event exploring the

magic, mystery, and
importance of bees in our world.

This is a chance to reflect on the
essential role bees play in nature,
food, and culture and to celebrate
their beauty through art and
creativity and in our Bible.

**RAISING FUNDS FOR THE
REPLACEMENT ORGAN**



The Scottish Episcopal Church
St John's Cathedral
George Street, Oban

A SERVICE OF EVENSONG

WITH THE
INSTALLATION OF
THE REV'D PAUL WATSON
AS CANON OF THE CATHEDRAL
AND LICENCING
AS CANON MISSIONER

SATURDAY JULY 26TH
at 5pm

All are warmly welcome

SC016664

**We are delighted
to be welcoming
Canon Paul and
Ina to our Diocese
and community.**
Paul will be with
us in the Cathedral
as a part of our
team— 1 Sunday a
month and 1 day a
week, assisting the
Provost in aspects
of Cathedral life.
Please do come to
his Installation and
Licensing and, if
you can assist with
serving drinks and
cake afterwards,
please speak with
Margi.



KOSONEN RANIERI DUO

'Après un Rêve' concert for viola & piano
St John's Cathedral
Friday July 25
7pm- 8pm

Tickets at Eventbrite [https://](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kosonen-ranieri-duo-apres-un-reve-concert-for-viol-a-piano-oban-tickets-1383876294249)

www.eventbrite.com/e/kosonen-ranieri-duo-apres-un-reve-concert-for-viol-a-piano-oban-tickets-1383876294249

or on the door £10 (under 12's £5)

Kosonen Ranieri Duo presents 'Après un Rêve: concert for viola & piano' in Oban as their second stop on their Scottish Summer 2025 tour! Join the duo for a magical evening of dreamy music at **St. John's Cathedral** in Oban. This innovative chamber music concert includes works by Fauré, Clarke, Schumann, Chopin, Vaughan Williams and more! Let yourself daydream of faraway lands, love, and summer painted by the viola and piano, transport you to another world.

Don't miss this chance to experience the incredible warm, welcoming and powerful concert.
Get your tickets now and prepare to be swept away by the enchanting sounds of the **Kosonen Ranieri Duo!**

FOCUS ON: The Eagle

The imposing bronze eagle sculpture is situated on the wall of what would have been the archway to a second transept. Sculpted by George Wyllie of Gourock, the eagle links to our Cathedral dedication to St John the Divine. John's Gospel, which describes Jesus as the Divine Word—with the eagle a symbol of that which comes from above.

It also references the Revelation of John—where the eagle sees what is beyond our immediate vision. Take a moment to look up at the amazing detail on this glorious sculpture.



ST JOHN'S ORGAN NEWS...



THE 'ORGAN'ISERS

The Vestry are looking to purchase a REPLACEMENT ELECTRONIC ORGAN asap, ensuring that it meets the same, or better, impressive specification to which we are used, has a good life expectancy and ongoing maintenance/ parts availability. The Vestry have asked the Provost, James and George to investigate potential options, in conversation with others in the Cathedral....

Although a new organ will be outwith our price capacity—we are:

- looking at ex-demo or organs being sold through organ building companies, which are refurbished before sale, installed professionally and with after-sales care/ maintenance and warranty.
- We are also making enquiries about the potential of a rebuild within the existing organ console.
- We have narrowed down preferred companies through style, tone and sound expectation (what you expect to hear in a British Cathedral as opposed to continental sounds).

We are, sadly, unlikely to consider organs from redundant churches as these have no provenance, their state will be unknown, they will not have professional installers (which are needed) be refurbished, have warranties or electrical guarantee).

We are making use of our organists' experience of a variety of instruments and their knowledge of the required specification to suit our Cathedral space.

Price is obviously a factor with the final choice being put to Vestry—when cost, specification, warranty and longevity all come together.

Just to note also, there are very few ex demo or second-hand organs on the market, thus we will be poised to make decisions if the right one is found, or if we choose to rebuild. We will keep you updated with news.

THE FUNDRAISERS

An excellent meeting was held last Monday, thank you so much to all who came along and those who offered ideas in absentia. These are listed below.

As important were the offers to take a lead on events and actions, this is something that will require many people to assist to ensure that we meet our target.

At the moment, without a decision on a specific replacement organ or rebuild—we are making an educated (from those seen) estimates of between £30,000 to £60,000.

- We are looking to produce fundraising leaflets etc as soon as viably possible to begin the campaign and raise public awareness...
- We are looking for people to volunteer to run events—small or large—each will help us reach our total....
- We will decide on a Launch Date asap and bring out a Calendar of Events...
- We are already receiving Donations and the information leaflet will contains means to donate.

Please do consider GIFT AID on any funds raised or donations... it will bring in an extra 25% on any total, although do check that you are eligible/ not exceeded your gift aid allowance.

THE FUND

Thank you so much to those who have already donated to the fund—a **wonderful £2000+** has started us off incredibly well and is very encouraging.

- We will be producing an Organ Fund 'live' total to encourage us on our way.

THE IDEAS

Ceilidh with School bandSponsored Hymnathon ~ playing the whole hymnbook/s.... Sponsored Drumathon ~ sounds from the decades.....Afternoon Tea @ The Moorings with organ music (under arrangement) Trivia Evening..... Quiz Evening (under arrangement)..... Old Oban Slide Show.....'Primary Bangers' -Family event singing all the popular primary school songs—with hot dogs.....Dunollie Family Event..... Open Gardens—asking for a day for the Organ Fund.....Organ Recital @ St Columbas/ Parish Church.....Cruise Liners—seeking donations.....Souvenirs from redundant organ parts.....Bee Festival (under arrangement)Auction of Skills.....All Sunday and Thursday Coffee Monies diverted to Organ Fund.....Talks at Thursday Coffee Mornings—(one under arrangement) Just Giving Page....,Lottery or other grant applications....Local business/ organisations sponsorship/ raffle prizes.....Launch— Publicity— town/ press/ OMS/Cathedral users...choirs/ information board in Cathedral/ flyers....

Please note—these are ideas and named places have not yet been approached unless it states—under arrangement.

Whilst we cannot guarantee either an organ to be available/ a rebuild to be possible/ funds to be raised—we would love to aim for an Organ ready (but not just) for Christmas!

Please consider how you can assist....

July 5th

Eucharist Readings Galatians 6: 1-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Hymns

NEH 467 SP 309 SP 316 NEH 420 Communion: SP 173

COLLECT for the Week—what a wonderful prayer to use throughout this week!

O Lord, let the world be ordered in peace, according to your will:
that your people may be free to worship you with joy;
through 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, Bishop Anne and the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney.

Diocese – Bishop David; Provost Margi; Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chpl RN & Assisting Priest; Canon Ian:

Priest (rtd); the congregations of St John's Cathedral, St James Ardbrecknish and Kilbrandon

Anglican Communion – Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; the Church of Nigeria:

Primate Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba.

Porvoo Communion- Linköping, Sweden: Bp Marika Markovits: St Albans, England: Bp Alan Smith.

Oban Churches For our brothers and sisters in faith in Oban and outwith... for those praying for leadersfor those seeking growthfor projects being undertaken.....for a unity within our faith and fellowship to encourage each other.

Community— for all who work in hospitality as the season grows busier and visitors increase.
For our hospital, GP practices all medical and health providers
For all children and young people, staff and those involved in education—as holidays begin.
For the Cathedral—that we may offer a place of spiritual restoration and welcome to all.

INSPIRES ONLINE ~ Keeping in touch across the Province

<https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?u=8570812f89ec37182e2dcfe57&id=97d5cb4845>

The latest news from around the Province is now online in the monthly update.

It contains a full report from the General Synod and notice of the extraordinary Synod to be held in September to amend Canon 4 (Episcopal Vacancy and Elections) prior to the upcoming vacancy in Edinburgh.

Plus....a new Provost in Dundee....Net Zero Roadshow in Edinburgh.... Rev Canon Sarah Shaw, Vice Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow on BBC Radio Scotland's New Every Sunday

The College of Bishops time in Oban & visit to Hope Kitchen... plus items discussed at the College meeting....
Mountain Retreats....

Also details on changes to OSCR rules for Trustees....Bishop David Chillingworth on Thought for the Day....and news from around the Dioceses....

CONTACT DETAILS & INFORMATION

CATHEDRAL PROVOST & DIOCESAN DEAN

The Very Rev'd Canon Margi Campbell *Non work day Fri (Sat)*

Cathedral: provostoban@argyll.anglican.org
01631 562323

Diocese: dean@argyll.anglican.org

- **Assisting Priest: The Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chapn RN**
tomebbens09@hotmail.co.uk
- **Assisting Priest (Rtd) The Rev'd Canon Ian Walter**

CATHEDRAL WEBSITE

stjohnsoban.org.uk/

CATHEDRAL FACEBOOK:

[stjohnsoban](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsoban)

ST JAMES' WEBSITE

stjamesardbrecknish@outlook.com

DIOCESAN WEBSITE: argyll.anglican.org/

PROVINCIAL WEBSITE: www.scotland.anglican.org/

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

BANK: RBS, George St, Oban Sort Code: 83-26-04

Acc: 00178722 St John's Cathedral Oban
For BACS gifts please enter name or 'anonymous donation' to help with book-keeping.

STEWARDSHIP /GIFT AID contact Susannah Hughes if you would like more information.