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OF ARGYLL
& THE ISLES



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON

June 15 ~ Trinity & June 22 ~ Pentecost 2



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
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON ~ OPENFORALL: July 6 @3.30pm		

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY JUNE 15

10.15am
5.15pm

TRINITY SUNDAY

Cathedral Sung Eucharist
Evensong

*Provost Margi is taking some time off in lieu of days off not taken,
& will not be available from Monday 16th until Sunday 22nd. This is a double issue sheet.*

Wed 18	11am	Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee
Thu 19	10.30am	Coffee and Chat No Choir Practice

SUNDAY JUNE 22nd

10.15am
5pm

PENTECOST 2

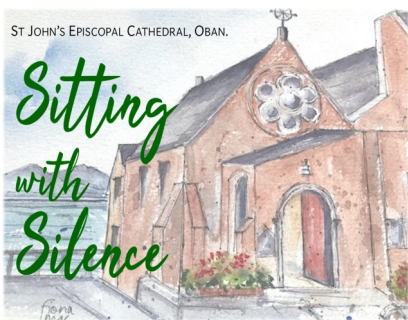
Cathedral Sung Eucharist
Fellowship @ 5

Wed 25	11am	Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee
Thu 26	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30– 11.30	Coffee Morning— come along and bring friends for coffee, cake and chat!
	12.40pm	Sitting with Silence (Lady Chapel)
	6.30pm	Climate Café @ Hope
	7pm	Cathedral Choir Practice
Fri 27		Interfaith Alignment in Cathedral (See poster p 2)
Sat 28		Food Swap—a new event for the Cathedral (see poster p 2)

SUNDAY JUNE 29th PENTECOST 3

10.15am
Cathedral Sung Eucharist
No evening service

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH June 15th @ 11am Canon Tony Sparham
June 22nd @ 10.30am The Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN



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

**FOR HOME
COMMUNION
or VISITS**
Please ring
Provost Margi
on 01631 562323
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if you have had,
or would like to take
communion at home
because you are unable
to be at services,
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

June 22	July 13
July 27	Aug 10th
Aug 24	Sept 14



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

A SERVICE
OF
EVENSONG
SUNDAY
JUNE 15TH
5.15PM

A TIME OF PEACE
AND REFLECTION
IN THE MIDST OF A BUSY
WORLD

ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

FOODSWAP

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE

Arrive 10.30am
Swap between 11am -12noon

Teas & coffees available (donation)

FREE ENTRY



Informal event where you can SWAP your foraged, homemade, and home-grown food. Use up gluts, meet your neighbours and diversify your larder! Bring as much or as little as you like: a couple of small jars of jam or a whole array of homegrown veg. And if you're just curious to see what's going on, feel free to pop by and have a chat over refreshments. Examples of previous swaps include: cakes, bread, foraged fruit, chutney, falafel, pesto, veg plants, granola, quiche, herbs, the list goes on... Any questions send to: faith.fairbairn@gmail.com

UPDATE: CHAIRLIFT INSTALLATION

Unfortunately, I spoke to soon....at the last moment, the installation was delayed. However the structural steelwork has now been installed so we just await the delivery, installation and commissioning of the actual chairlift. We may have to close to enable the installation to take place safely, but will endeavour to keep everyone aware.

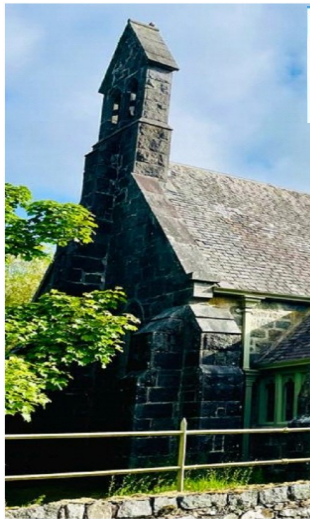
We are grateful for the Benefact Cathedral Grants for 2023 and 2024, together with the MacNab Trust Grant which together have covered most of the cost.

ORGAN NEWS...UPDATE

Following the terminal demise of the organ, we will be using the piano, with permission given from Oban Music Society for which we are very grateful, and the Clavinova.

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.

We need to start a FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN and the Provost invites all who would be willing to assist in this, to meet **on June 30th at 10.30am over coffee in the Narthex.**



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*



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JUNE JULY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 25 June	Sitting with Silence (see p1) Climate Café in Hope (see p3)
Fri June 27	Interfaith Alignment (see below)
Sat 28	Foodswap (see above)
Mon 30 June	Fundraising for the Organ 10.30am – Narthex – to start the Process
Sat 5 July	2.30pm Wedding in the Cathedral
Sun 13 July	Sea Sunday with Guest Speaker – collection for Mission to Seafarers
Fri 25 July	Concert Kosoen Ranieri Duo
Sat 26 July	Licensing and Installation of The Revd Paul Watson as Canon Missioner

OBAN ALIVE 2025

Friday 20th June
7:30pm
at The Corran Halls

An evening of Worship & Praise with music from local musicians

With preaching from Rev Tommy MacNeil of Martin's Memorial Church, Stornoway & Rev Alex MacCallum of Kilmore and Oban Parish Church

DIARY DATE
'THE BEAUTY OF BEES' EXHIBITION
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.



all are welcome



A GATHERING OF ALIGNMENT
IMPROVISATIONS ON CELTIC FOLK TUNES & TAIZÉ CHANTS
BY

Euan Fulton

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 8:00-9:00 PM
ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

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



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Coastal forests, people, and a changing climate

with Dr Leslie Mabon

Insights into how coastal forests protect those who live alongside them, and how we can protect them

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Wednesday 25th June  
 18.30-20.00  
 Hope Kitchen, Soroba Road




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 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
 at 5pm

All are warmly welcome

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## THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2025

Two things struck me profoundly at Synod this year...the challenge and depth of discussions which filled our days, and the truly Christian respect and love within which all were held. If a few moments nudged us towards anything less, the overall feel of the room brought us back.

Synod began with a celebration of the Eucharist, with a Diocesan Bishops present there was a lightness within the unity as the Primus gave his Charge, pointing to the need for building relationships and healing broken ones. With 'housekeeping matters' and procedures sorted, I was privileged to Chair the 2nd Session which first covered the Investment portfolios - which are positive—and the work of the ethical advisory committee in ensuring all our finances meet our moral and ethical requirements—very reassuring. Following that we heard a presentation from the College of Bishops and Standing Committee as they set aside £10m to fund mission projects and look to enable the hopes and dreams of Charges and Dioceses. *PS your Vestry has also filled in a questionnaire on this.*

Over the following days we discussed Canons (our laws) and had a presentation on how upcoming changes in Scottish law affects the roles and duties of Trustees, which was eloquently shared. Our Vestry will be working through these changes. We were given a fascinating insight into the cultural and theological context of the development of the Nicene Creed. Hearing the history of the Council of Nicaea in the year of its 1700th anniversary, reminded us of the context in which it was written...the struggles and growing heresies which concerned the early church and saw doctrine discussed and laws set in place. So much has changed and yet we continue to debate the voice of God into the world today, how we can share and learn from others—where societal values challenge or enhance faith. This was followed by an inspiring report on the work of the Mission Board by its outgoing Chair, before we reflected on the work to be done on the legacy of the slave trade. What could have been dry, was engaging and hugely impactful on our daily Episcopal life and worship. The last session was a powerful testament to friendship, as we overwhelmingly welcomed the St Ninians Declaration of friendship between our Province and the Catholic Church....a time of hope and positivity. The Declaration was welcomed by Archbishop Leo Cushley *"I value friendship deeply. It is only through friendship that we will come to trust each other, it is only by trusting each other that we will learn from each other, and it is only by learning from each other that we will take this forward, and the great project that Our Lord prayed for the night before he died will come again to pass, here in the Christian West.*

Our young people were with us and shared their hopes and joys, sorrows and fears for the future. Speaking of the experiences of their generation, they reminded us of their concerns for climate Change, nuclear proliferation as well as a powerful testimony from one, representing many more, who amidst all the voices in society, kind and unkind about how they identify, feels safe in SEC churches. They asked us to remember their story, their feelings, their place as God's beloved children, as we entered our debate on the final day about gender. Our inspirational young people encouraged and challenged us and it was good to hear and support them. Without doubt the debates on the last day went deep as we reflected on end of life care and assisted suicide; mainly how we step aside from our own thoughts - to hear those of others and treat their wishes with respect. Swiftly following was the discussion on our trans + siblings, which focused around—does God truly love all? If so—then we must do likewise. A deep, thoughtful, honouring and sensitive conversation where Synod overwhelmingly affirmed 'all means all', choosing to make our churches safe and welcoming. Much to prayerfully share and reflect on. An inspired Synod. More in depth reports can be found on the Provincial website and facebook pages....

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/the-general-synod>

<https://www.facebook.com/scottishepiscopalchurch>

**June 15 EUCHARIST READINGS**  
**HYMNS**

Galatians 2: 15-21 Luke 7: 36—8:3  
NEH 146 SP 105 SP 192 SP 101 Comm: SP 103

**EVENSONG READINGS**  
**HYMNS**

2 Corinthians 13:(5-10), 11-13 John 16:5-15  
NEH 148 (v.1,4,7,8) Ps 104: 1-9 Sheet SP 280

**COLLECT**

Almighty and Everlasting God, you have given us grace in the profession of true faith to recognise the glory of the eternal Trinity: keep us steadfast in this faith and bring us to see you in your perfect and eternal unity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**INTERCESSIONS June 15**

*Province*— Primus Mark and all our Bishop at their College meeting in Oban this week

*Diocese*— Bishop David; Provost Margi; Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chpl RN & Assisting Priest; Canon Ian: Priest (rtd); the journey towards net zero across our diocesan churches and buildings

*Anglican Communion*— Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; the Anglican Church of Mexico Primate: The Rt Rev'd Enrique Treviño Cruz

*Porvoo Communion*—Argyll and The Isles, Scotland: Bp David Railton; Connor, Ireland Bp George Davison; Lolland-Falster, Denmark: Bp Marianne Gaarden

*Oban Churches* For all attending and leading Oban Alive in the Corran Halls

**June 22 EUCHARIST READINGS**  
**HYMNS TBC**

Galatians 3: 23– 29 Luke 8: 26– 39

**COLLECT**

O Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers: and as you give us the desire to pray, grant us your help and protection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**INTERCESSIONS June 22**

*Province*— Primus Mark, the Boards and committees now taking forward the work of General Synod.

*Diocese*— Bishop David; Provost Margi; Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chpl RN & Assisting Priest; Canon Ian: Priest (rtd); the people of St Columba's, Gruline, Mull

*Anglican Communion*— Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; the Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola: Pres Bp Vicente Msosa

*Porvoo Communion*—Copenhagen, Denmark: Bp Peter Skov-Jakobsen; Diocese in Europe, CofE: Bp Robert Innes; Visby, Sweden: Bp Erik Eckerdal

*Oban Churches* For our brothers and sisters in faith in Oban and outwith... for those praying for leaders ....for those seeking growth ....for projects being undertaken.....for a unity within our faith and fellowship to encourage each other. For The Dove Centre: Oban Hospice—staff, volunteers and all who use its services....

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

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**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

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