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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON

June 29 Saint Peter and St Paul



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 JUNE 29th

10.15am

PETER AND PAUL

Cathedral Sung Eucharist

No evening service

Mon 30 10.30am

Fundraising for the Organ—Narthex.

2pm

Wedding rehearsal in Cathedral

JULY

Wed 2 11am

Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee

Thu 3 10.30am

Coffee and Chat

Sat 5 2.30pm

Wedding in Cathedral

SUNDAY JULY 6

PENTECOST 4

10.15am

Cathedral Sung Eucharist

3.30pm

Episcopal Eucharist in Kilbrandon ~ open for all



JULY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 13 July	Sea Sunday with Guest Speaker David Graham— collection for Mission to Seafarers (see below)
Wed 23 July	Sitting with Silence (see below)
Fri 25 July	Concert Kosonen Ranieri Duo (see p 2)
Sat 26 July	Licencing and Installation of The Revd 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 and we welcome Canon Paul and Ina.



*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

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

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 Gulgum.

More details from
Donald Shell

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*

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St James, Ardbrecknish

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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*

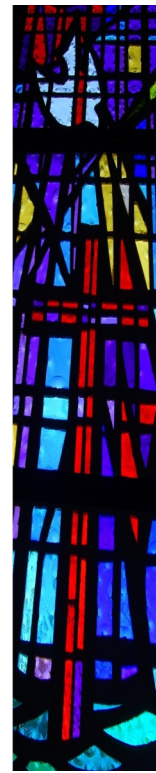


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Please ring
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or would like to take
communion at home
because you are unable
to be at services,
please be in touch with
Provost Margi
to arrange a date.



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

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'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.



CHAIRLIFT INSTALLATION

The structural steelwork has now been installed so
we just await the delivery, installation and
commissioning of the actual chairlift, which should
be within the next few weeks. 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...

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. Thus we need to
start an....



ORGAN 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.

Come with ideas/ come to volunteer...



KOSONEN RANIERI DUO

'Après un Rêve' concert for viola & piano

St John's Cathedral

Friday July 25

7pm- 8pm

Tickets at Eventbrite <https://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)

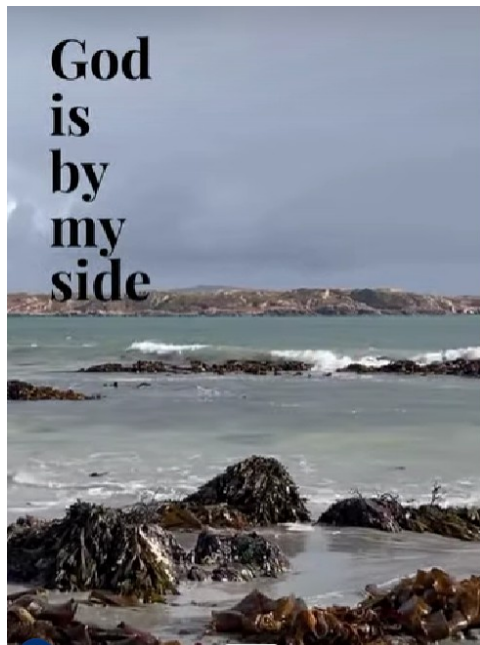
Kosonen Ranieri Duo presents 'Après un Rêve: concert for
viola & piano' in Oban as their second stop on their Scottish
Summer 2025 tour! Join the duo for a magical evening of
dreamy music at **St. John's Cathedral** in Oban.

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
enchancing sounds of the **Kosonen Ranieri Duo!**

A WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

Alongside our normal week of prayer and worship, meetings and social activities, each week can offer new and inspiring opportunities...



It is always wonderful to make new connections and expand the horizons of our Cathedral community and this week we welcomed several such opportunities....

On Friday evening we shared in a time of prayerful music with members of **INTERFAITH ALIGNMENT**, en route to a week on Iona. With members around the world and from many different faiths and traditions, its mission and vision is *for all those who seek a connection to and a deeper awareness of the humanity and divinity that resides within us all. Alignment offers online weekly sessions of meditative practices from different traditions and daily spiritual practices.*

Euan Fulton, a choir member in our Cathedral, led the time on the piano, with Molly Hicks, a Director of IA, sharing song....both taking those gathered into reflection and contemplation as they played.

More information can be found at <https://interfaithalignment.org/about> or on their fb page <https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithAlignment/>

A taste of our time together can be found on the link below, where

Euan plays his arrangement of 'The Clouds Veil—God is by my side' <https://www.facebook.com/reel/4035476580003622> We offer our prayers of blessing to all those now on Iona for this week and thank them for enabling us to 'take a breath' with them.



On Saturday, Cathedral member -Faith, introduced us to **FOODSWAP**, an amazing initiative to create moneyless opportunities to share produce or baking, crafting or creating with others.... plants were swapped for cakes and chutneys for jams. Inspiring conversations among those who came, sowed the seed for future FOODSWAPS, taking advantage of times of bounty in the garden and creating networks with other similar groups.

Some plants and chutneys are still available on Sunday morning, all are free to take, or you might want to swap them for a moment of volunteering or a gift to the Cathedral....

Thank you to Faith and all who came along...watch out for the next one!



- Stevenson's Light -
- Dunollie Castle -
- The Dog Stone -
- St John The Divine Cathedral -

One of the immense joys of our Cathedral, is that the doors are open each day for locals and visitors alike to come in.... whether it's to shelter for a moment from the weather, spend a moment in quiet or prayer or to explore our history and be amazed by our architecture.

During this week I (Provost Margi) had the real joy of meeting 3 groups of visitors on **WALKING TOURS FROM THE CRUISE SHIPS**. Sharing something of our history and pointing out the hidden gems, each group has been fascinated with our Cathedral and the extent of our Diocese.

Individual visitors also come in most days and are always interested to chat about our life and worship... how inspiring this week to spend time with two folk from Ukraine (based now in England) one of whom was mesmerised,

saying that she felt so close to her church in Ukraine whilst she was in the Cathedral.

We continue to pray for Ukraine and all places where conflict and war dominate and destroy lives.

June 29

Saints Peter and Paul

EUCCHARIST READINGS

Galatians 5: 1, 13– 25

Matthew 16:13-19

Hymns SP 152 NEH 360

Sheet

SP 162

Communion: NEH 378

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles, Peter and Paul, glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ, our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

COLLECT for the Week

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing can be whole and nothing can be holy: increase your mercy towards us, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so enjoy the good things of time, as not to lose the things of eternity; 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, the work of the Standing Committee and Cathy Johnston—the new Covenor.

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

Priest (rtd); the Scottish Province; our Primus and Bishops, Deans, and Provosts; all Provincial Officers and staff, committees, and boards

Anglican Communion – Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; the Church of the Province of Myanmar/Burma: Archbp Stephen Than Myint Oo.

Porvoo Communion– Härnösand, Sweden: Bp Teresia Andersdotter Derlén; Lapua/Lappo, Finland: Bp Matti Salomäki; Lincoln, England: Bp Stephen Conway

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.

SCOTTISH INSTITUTE JOURNAL—Link to web pages [Volume 9.1: Spring 2025](#)

The Scottish Episcopal Institute's vision – to form and develop people as godly, competent and confident ministers – includes the whole of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The Journal is a vehicle for debate on current issues in the Anglican Communion and beyond. It invites dialogue on what it means to think as an Episcopalian in Scotland in the twenty-first century. The Scottish Episcopal Institute hopes the Journal to be a catalyst for prayer and theological reflection at the heart of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The Spring 2025 Scottish Episcopal Institute Journal is a special issue entitled, 'En/gendering God and Church? What does it look like? How does it feel? What does it mean?' It has been curated by Dr Alison Jasper, former Senior Lecturer in Religion and Gender (University of Stirling), who charged contributors with a broad remit to engage with gender in the context of the Church or the churches. 'Gender' is a term that has a range of meanings both scientific and cultural. It has also had a history of being controversial perhaps particularly in its relationship with feminism, which could be defined as a movement that advocates for gender equality. So, there ensues a lively, but also a considered response in seven contributions that encompass a series of framing conversations with others around these salient questions.

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