



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Every Sunday 10.15am
2nd & 4th Sundays 5pm
3rd Sunday 5.15pm
Wednesdays 11am
Thursdays 10am

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH

EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON

ST COLUMBA'S, GRULINE, MULL

Cathedral Sung Eucharist
Fellowship @ 5 Informal worship in the Narthex
Cathedral Evensong
Shorter Cathedral Eucharist
Morning Prayer

Easter Day: 11am with Bishop David

Easter Day @ 3.30pm Provost Margi

Palm Sunday @ 11am with Bishop David

Easter Day @ 11am with Canon Ian



SUNDAY MARCH 22 LENT 5 Passiontide begins

10.15am Sung Eucharist followed by coffee

2.30pm OMS Concert in the Cathedral (see p3)

5pm Fellowship @ 5—Lent Worship see poster

Tue 24 7pm Lent Group @ 7 Balnakeil, Kirk Rd, Dunbeg (see p3)

Wed 25 11am Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee led by Canon Ian

12.40-1.15pm 'Sitting with Silence' in the Lady Chapel (see p3)

1pm Chat, Ciabattas and Company...Mens Lunch @ Wetherspoons. (see p2)

6.30-8pm Climate Café @ Hope Kitchen (see p3)

Thu 26 10am Morning Prayer

10.30-11.30 Coffee Morning

2pm Lent Group in the Narthex led by Canon Paul

7pm Diocesan Lent Group ..Canon Paul & Bp David see p3

7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

Fri 27 10.30-12noon Womens Group at Oban Bay Hotel (see p2)

SUNDAY MARCH 29 Palm Sunday (note the hour change)

10.15am Journey to the Cross ~ Eucharist with Passion Reading hymns & anthems

11.45am Lent Lunch

6pm Compline to begin the Journey of Holy Week

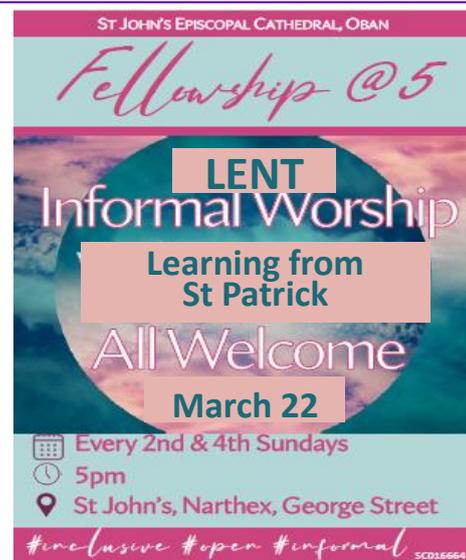
FOR ALL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES, PLEASE SEE POSTER ON PAGE 2

PASSIONTIDE

This weekend, we begin the final two weeks of Lent. Often known through church history as Passiontide, we move into the final days of the time before Christ's death, and focus ourselves more deeply on his passion and death, in order to be better placed spiritually to participate in the joy of the resurrection.

During Passiontide, crosses and statues were often veiled to symbolise the veiling of Christ's divinity as he walked towards his death, accepting the full wrath, not of God, but of humanity; as human authorities were challenged by Christ's divine understanding of God and the way he leads us to live life faithfully in God's image.

During the first week of Passiontide we are asked to spend more time reflecting on the ways we can better reveal God's love in our daily lives... then, during the second, Holy Week we are invited to come to worship each day—to walk the steps to the Cross to more fully recognise the power of the resurrection at Easter.



FROM THE PROVOST

It was a privilege to be invited to and attend the ordination and induction of the Rev Nathan Kish on Saturday March 21st, at Oban and The Isles Free Church; to meet him, his wife and young family. We look forward to him joining our regular church leaders meetings and offer our prayers for his ministry and life in Oban.



On Tue/Wed/Thu of this week I shall be at the Provincial Faith and Order Board in Kinnoull. It consists of elected members from each of the Dioceses (of which I am the clergy representative for our Diocese), all Bishops and the Convenors of the five pendant committees: Liturgy, InterChurch Relations, Doctrine and Canons. Its agenda considers questions of Church government, organisation and relations with the Anglican Communion and other churches, as well as the work of the 5 committees. I am grateful to Canon Paul and Canon Ian for stepping in to assist in aspects of Cathedral life while I am at this Board meeting.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL: EMBRACE THE MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL see p3

PALM SUNDAY
 March 29
JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

10.15am The Passion Reading with anthems, hymns and Eucharist followed by coffee

LENT LUNCH from 11.45am
 in the Narthex
 Booking required

COMPLINE at 6pm

ALL ARE WARMLY INVITED AS WE ENTER HOLY WEEK



LENT LUNCH
 MEET AND EAT TOGETHER
 ON PALM SUNDAY
 March 29 from 11.45am
 in the Narthex

Contributions to Bishop's Lent Appeal 2026 Embrace the Middle East Scan QR and enter Lent Appeal Or contributions on the day

Please SIGN UP on sheet in the Narthex

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ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN

HOLY WEEK
 and **EASTER** 2026

MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY

	Journey to the Cross	10.15am
	Eucharist with Passion Reading - hymns - anthems - palm crosses	
March 30	Monday	Compline with Reflection 6pm
March 31	Tuesday	Compline with Reflection 6pm
April 1	Wednesday	Eucharist 11am Compline with Reflection 6pm
APRIL 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY	Morning Prayer & Coffee	10am
	Eucharist of the Last Supper with Stripping of the Altar & Vigil	7pm until 9pm
APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY	Coffee with Hot Cross Buns	12-3pm
	Reflections on the Cross readings - hymns - silence	12-12.20
	Reflections each 20 minutes based on Stephen Cottrell 'The Things He Carried'	12.20-2.30pm
	The Last Watch with Communion	2.30-3pm
APRIL 4 HOLY SATURDAY	Lighting of the Holy Fire & Story of Salvation	6pm - 7pm
APRIL 5 EASTER DAY ~ RESURRECTION JOY & HOPE	Cathedral ~ Celebration Eucharist	10.15am
	Ardbrecknish ~ Celebration Eucharist	10.30am
	Kilbrandon ~ Episcopal Eucharist in CofS for all	3.30pm

All are warmly welcome

Jesus is Risen!

ROTA for Sunday Services

This will come out next week—those being asked for Sunday March 22nd will have been contacted separately. If you would like to read, welcome, steward, serve or offer prayers—do contact Margi as soon as possible. We are always delighted to have more people involved. Help can be given!

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: March 27 in Oban Bay Hotel

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.

please bring your own cup that is special to you, to use in the session :)



Wednesday March 25 @ 1pm at Wetherspoons.

Chat, Ciabattas and Company...

come and enjoy and bring a pal too if you want. Contact Paul Watson on 07943026773 if you need more info otherwise



BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2026

Healing children. Supporting families. Restoring hope.



To DONATE—scan the QR code and put LENT APPEAL in the description.

Cash can be brought to the Cathedral on Easter Sunday

If you wish to offer by cheque or use gift aid...please contact the Diocesan Office on 01631 570870 or email office@argyll.anglican.org

TO DONATE DIRECTLY TO THE EMERGENCY APPEAL helping those in the immediate effects of the escalating war across the Middle East... donate via <https://embraceme.org/emergency-appeal>



CATHEDRAL LENT BOOK Opportunities to read discuss **EASTER in DISGUISE** by Liz Dodd

Last one Thursday March 26 @ 2pm - in the Narthex led by Canon Paul

Last Tuesday @ 7pm March 24th at 7 Balnakeil, Kirk Rd, Dunbeg, hosted by Paul and Ina

All are welcome

DIOCESAN ONLINE LENT PILGRIMAGE with Bishop David and Canon Paul

LAST ONE: Thursday March 26th from 7-8pm: Based on *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen and *Life, Loss and Learning to be a Pilgrim* by Jill Baker

Join Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86762479299?pwd=qaOm5GP8evTorUMQ6uounEMN37smVp.1>

Meeting ID: 867 6247 9299 Passcode: 404984

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL, OBAN.

Sitting with Silence

A time for silent reflection with others... with a short guided introduction
12.40 – 1.15pm in the Lady Chapel
Facilitated by Peter Johnson & Rosemary Power

February 25 March 25 April 29
May 27 June 24 July 29

A chance afterwards to eat lunches together in the Narthex

All are always welcome

CLIMATEcafé
OBAN

My Permaculture Ways

With Sue Greenwood

How I grew into permaculture and try to live by it

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

TIME FOR CHANGE

**OBAN MUSIC**  
@ ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL  
WELCOMES

**Duo M**  
PARISIANS  
CONTRARIANS

Violaine Melançon, violin Meagan Milatz, piano  
FEATURING MUSIC OF  
PHILIPPE HERSANT · CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS · GABRIEL FAURÉ  
ERIK SATIE · MEL BONIS · MAURICE RAVEL

## SUNDAY MARCH 22 @ 2.30PM

Tickets £15 on the door  
*No charge is made for children and young people attending our concerts*  
Refreshments during the interval

Chamber Music Scotland

<https://www.obanmusicsociety.com/concerts/>



**EASTER LILIES** If you would like to remember a loved one over Easter at the Cathedral, please write their names clearly on the list in the Narthex.

Donations would be greatly appreciated towards these...please put in an envelope marked 'Easter Lilies' and give to Margi or put in the Donations Box (in an envelope clearly marked). Lilies will be placed in the Lady Chapel from Maundy Thursday.



**DECORATING and CLEANING FOR EASTER**

Saturday April 4th from 10am – 12.30pm

All are invited to come and help with a n extra clean of the Cathedral and to fill it with spring flowers as we celebrate the new life of the resurrection.

Please bring flowers/ greenery to use or cloths if you prefer to polish! No duties listed, just dust/ polish woodwork... brush down chairs ....Vases available for those bringing flowers.

Refreshments available during the morning.

# PRAYERS for Lent 5 ~ Passiontide

**Eucharist Readings:** Romans 8:6-11 John 11: 1-45

**Hymns:** NEH 393 SP 38 SP 45 SP 267 Comm: NEH 95

## PRAYER to meditate on and use in Passiontide

Lord Jesus, in this season of Passiontide,  
I confess how easily I forget you, turning away even as you draw  
near in love and sacrifice.

Forgive my wandering heart, especially when the blessings you pour into my life  
make me lose sight of the one from whom they come.

Help me look on the anger and violence meted out across the world and pray earnestly that your love and goodness  
will transform hardened hearts and bring us all to follow your Son in living in your image. Amen.

## INTERCESSIONS

*Province*—Primus Mark, Bp Dagmar Winter: Bp Elect in Edinburgh, Faith & Order Board in the leadership of the Church

*Diocese* – Bp David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul: Canon Missioner; The Rev'd Tom Ebbens, Chaplain R.N.; Canon Ian, assistant priest (rtd); the people of this Diocese as we discern what it is to be a pilgrim people.

*We pray that we may travel in Lent, as pilgrim people, not with every answer, but with hearts open to God's leading. In our travelling – across land and sea, through tradition and change – we trust that Christ walks beside us. Bp David*

*Anglican Communion* – Zanzibar, our companion diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; Anglican Church of Korea: Primate: Onesimus Dongsin Park

Archbishop Sarah Mullaly as she prepares to take up the role as focus of unity in the Anglican Communion.

Working collegially, alongside other Anglican Primates around the world, the Archbishop of Canterbury exercises a ministry that strengthens the Communion's 'bonds of affection.'

*Porvoo Communion* – Cashel, Ferns, and Ossory, Ireland: Bp Adrian Wilkinson: Ely, England: Bp-elect Sarah Clark; Lund, Sweden: Bp Johan Tyrberg

We continue to pray for churches in Ukraine and the Anglican Churches in Gaza and across the Middle East. ... all places where violence and pain disrupt and destroy lives and especially the tension and fear engendered by the recent escalation of violence.

We pray for peace in the world, in homes and hearts that all may know God's Kingdom in their lives

We pray for the Rev'd Tom Ebbens RN and all military chaplains in their service of spiritual and pastoral care

We pray for our community—for all in the care and medical sectors that each of our gifts to society's enrichment may be valued and enabled to flourish.

We pray for all who are unwell, troubled or distressed: may they know God's healing and strength, hope, renewal, especially for families and all caring for those nearing the end of life

We give thanks for the lives of those who now worship in God's nearer presence, remembering Sonia Sandell, Ian and all who mourn her loss, and Jim Watson—father of Canon Paul—that he and all his family—with all those who mourn may know God's comfort and strength.

## COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Merciful God, look upon your family as we travel to the foot of the cross: and, by your great goodness, guide us in body; that, by your protection, we may also be preserved in heart and mind; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

## CATHEDRAL VESTRY MEMBERS 2026 OSCR: SC016664 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

**Observing Ordinand:** Emily D'Silva

**Observing Clergy staff:** Canon Paul Watson

## CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

**Members:** Mark Evetts, Jenny McEvoy, Joy Blakeney,

John Murphy, Catriona Petit

**Safeguarding:** Catriona Petit

**Assisting:** Mel Crossley (not vestry)

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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=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfb8f5ac>

## 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.

We hope that this will help as less cash is carried and help those banking!

