



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON

November 16th



Every Sunday
2nd & 4th Sundays
3rd Sunday
Wednesdays
Thursdays

10.15am
5pm
5.15pm
11am
10am

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

ST JAMES ARDBRECKNISH
EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST IN KILBRANDON

Nov 16th with Revd Tom Ebbens RN
Dec 7 @ 3.30pm with Provost Margi

SUNDAY Nov 16

10.15am Sung Eucharist BLESSING of our new ALTAR
Celebrant: Bishop David
Preacher: Provost Margi

5.15pm Evensong

Tue 18 7pm Faith in the 2nd Half of Life
Wed 19 11am Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee
Thu 20 10am Morning Prayer
10.30am Coffee and Chat
7pm Cathedral Choir Practice
7-8pm Faith in the 2nd Half of Life (online)
Sat 22 10am-12noon Marie Curie Coffee Morning (see poster)

SUNDAY Nov 23 Christ the King
10.15am Sung Eucharist
5pm Fellowship @ 5

St John's Cathedral extends its deepest prayers of sympathy to Ros and all family of The Revd Ian McFarlane, who died last week. Ian's ministry had been rich and profound through his time as a Baptist minister and deeply influential in the warmth of his encouragement to the gatherings of ecumenical leaders in and around Oban for many years. Having more recently been worshipping in the Cathedral and as a part of Fellowship @5, his Funeral—a Celebration of his Life—will be in the Cathedral on Friday 28th November at 11am. All are warmly invited to attend.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Join the fundraising team for a



Holly Tea

St John's Cathedral
Saturday 22 November
10am—12noon

Enquiries 07841 248841
www.mariecurie.org.uk



HOME COMMUNION / VISITS

Canon Paul offers Home Communion, social and pastoral visits. If you would like to meet him, talk, and/or have home communion if you are unable to get to the Cathedral...please call or email Paul on: 07943026773

missioner@argyll.anglican.org

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL | MONDAY
24TH NOVEMBER | 7.00PM

CÒISIR GHÀIDHLIG AN ÒBAIN
OBAN GAELIC CHOIR

Winter Concert

CUIRM-CIÙIL AIG AN FHÈIS GHÈAMHRAIDH

Come and join us for an evening of songs and tunes, including our most recent Mòd performance pieces.

Tiocaidean/Tickets:
£10/£5

oban WINTER FESTIVAL

SC041027

The Christmas Tree Festival 2025



Including a Tree from St John's Cathedral:
Looking through the tinsel to find.....

Over 70 Decorated Trees!

Vote for Your Favourite

Carols, Organ, Choirs, Bands details on FB & Website
10th Anniversary Elfexclusive!
Hot Drinks & Home Baking Festive Raffle

Frid 28, Sat 29, Sun 30 Nov

10am-6pm daily

St Conan's Kirk, Lochawe, PA33 1AQ

Friends of St Conan's Kirk, SCIO SC045006

Entry by Donation

ST ANDREWS EVE

SATURDAY 29TH NOV

7pm-9pm

Share a meal together in the Narthex

FISH CHOWDER or

VEGETABLE CASSEROLE (Veg/Vegan)

CRANACHAN or APPLE CRUMBLE (Veg/Vegan)

With 'Am I telling the Truth?'

Come with a fact—true or false about your life
and see whether we can tell....

DONATIONS to cover costs / PROCEEDS to ORGAN APPEAL

LIMITED NUMBERS: NEED TO BOOK—FORM in CATHEDRAL

ORGAN FUND APPEAL 2025



GALLERY CAROLS

Sat Dec 6th
10.30–2.30

St John's Cathedral
Come and Sing Workshop
led by James Campbell
on 18/19th century carols sung before the
advent of church organs/ robed choirs.
Experience in part singing helpful.
£10pp donation inc music.

Soup lunch provided
Sign up sheet in the
Cathedral
Proceeds to the
Organ Appeal fund



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

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Cathedral T-shirts/ polos/
sweatshirts/ micro-fleece

AVAILABLE UNTIL NOV 30TH

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN APPEAL FUND		
£20,745	62 draw stops	£55,500
£17,500	183 keys	£55,000
£16000	49 thumb pistons	£50,000
£12000	16 channels	£45,500
£10000	9 speakers	£45,250
£9000	32 pedals	£45,000
£8000	18 toe pistons	£42,500
£7000		£40,000
£6000		£37,500
£5000		£35,000
£4000		£32,500
£3000		£30,000
£2000		£28,743.00
£1000		£24,983.00
£500		£23,627.44

ORGAN DONATIONS

Can be made through this
QR CODE via
CROWDFUNDING
Line up phone camera on
QR code and link to
crowdfunding.... follow
instructions to pay into Cathedral account



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

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'An Hour
at the Organ'
of St Columba's Cathedral

Friday Nov 28th 7– 8pm

George Cringles will play and share about
St John's Organ Appeal

We are immensely grateful to St Columba's for
their hospitality and help.

Entry by donation



A Recipe Book
produced for the 1994
Bradford Organ...now
reprinted by generous sponsorship to
raise funds for the 2025 Organ Appeal.
A donation of at least £5 is requested.

DRINK COFFEE & TEA
at Cathedral services & events....

All donations PLUS All souvenir
purchases go to the Organ Appeal



THANK YOU SO MUCH! TO ALL WHO ARE DONATING & ATTENDING ORGAN APPEAL
EVENTS. We have reached an amazing **£ 28,743.00**

We are truly grateful that you are so generously contributing and being a part of the purchase of your new organ for
your Cathedral! Please take this as the Cathedral's ongoing thanks. We are looking, at the end of fundraising, at a way of
marking all those who wish to have names mentioned as donors.

DATES to NOTE full details nearer to each event

November 24 th	Gaelic Choir Concert in the Cathedral
November 26 th	Climate Café in the Cathedral Narthex
November 27 th	St Conans Tree set up
November 28 th	An Hour at St Columba's Organ George Cringles
November 29 th	St Andrew's Eve Supper
November 30 th	ADVENT
December 6 th	Gallery Carol Worskshop
December 18 th	Carol Service @ 7pm
December 23 rd	Cathedral decoration
December 24 th	No Wednesday Communion Crib Service 3pm Midnight Mass 11.15pm
December 25 th	Christmas Eucharist 10.15am
January 4 th	Epiphany
January 18 th	Cathedral AGM confirmed

HELP NEEDED.....

TUESDAY Nov 25th - 2-4pm—in the Narthex
help Margi make the decorations for the Tree for
St Conans Tree Festival.

SATURDAY Dec 13th
9.30am—1pm
Cathedral Clean for Christmas
Including coffeeAll help welcome



TUESDAY Dec 23rd ~ 10 - 1pm
Cathedral Decoration
with coffee & carols to help us
along...all help welcome



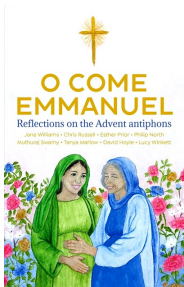
Plus help still needed for Thursday coffees.....

ADVENT 2025

The Great O Antiphons are a series of short verses which count down the days to Christmas Eve. Traditionally sung at the beginning and end of the Magnificat during Evensong, each antiphon begins with a different name for Jesus, best known from the verses from 'O come, O come Emmanuel...'. They draw on Scripture to help us learn about who Jesus will be, as foretold by the prophets. These will form the basis of much of our reflecting this Advent.

ADVENT BOOK

FOR PERSONAL READING



AVAILABLE: AMAZON, EDEN, CHURCH HOUSE BOOKS AROUND £9.99

This beautifully illustrated, full-colour daily Advent companion explores the ancient biblical names and images for the coming Messiah familiar to most people from the hymn, 'O come, O come Emmanuel'. Well-known writers offer a total of twenty-four reflections, one for each week-day of the four weeks of Advent. The writers each offer three reflections on one of the seven antiphons: O Wisdom, O Adonai, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Morning Star, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel. Lastly, there are three reflections on the Magnificat – Mary's Song – which the antiphons have been heard alongside since at least the eighth century.

Each day includes the text of the antiphon from Common Worship, a Scripture reading exploring its biblical roots, paintings of the antiphon as a focus for meditation, a reflection, a challenge to ponder and an Advent prayer. Contributors include Jane Williams, Chris Russell, Esther Prior, Philip North, Muthuraj Swamy, Tanya Marlow, David Hoyle and Lucy Winket.

ADVENT COMPLINE & HOT CHOCOLATE

THUR DEC 4TH @ 6PM THURS DEC 11TH @ 6PM TUES DEC 16TH @ 6PM SUNDAY 21ST @ 5.15PM

Quiet reflection through the beautiful words of Compline, with Taize Chant and reflections from the Advent Book above....Hot Chocolate available afterwards

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

During Advent there will be images of 7 Antiphons – names of Jesus – in the Cathedral to reflect on. They will offer all who worship in or visit the Cathedral, to reflect on who the coming Christ is, who this child we will welcome at Christmas, can be for us in our lives today.

ADVENT ART

Listening Art afternoon
....on the theme of "waiting" in advent.

Art can be a wonderful way of communicating (both listening and sharing) with God beyond words. It is not about creating masterpieces, but about allowing images to emerge that can offer you new insights and be turned into prayer. You do not need to be an artist. There will be some guidance. Just come, use some art materials like acrylic paints, collage making, chalks, glue etc and enjoy the process, play and be open to let the art-making speak to you.

With Ina Watson.
Friday 12th December
2-4pm
St. John's Cathedral Oban
George Street.



'Perhaps the time has come when we learn to play with God...as well as pray with God. And in our play...true prayer will emerge,' M. Fox - a priest & theologian.

ADVENT SERVICES



During each of our
EUCCHARISTIC
SERVICES

from Advent 1 on

Sunday November 30th and on Wednesdays, we will reflect through our readings, prayers and music as we WAIT for the MESSIAHexpecting, hoping, longing for the reign of hope, peace, joy, and love. In our waiting we will pray that God's coming in Christ will stir our hearts to be ready to hear the song of the angels. Join us on this journey going deeper in faith.

Nov 16th

Eucharist Readings 2 Thess 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

Hymns SP 268, 275, 113, 161. Communion : SP 296

COLLECT

O Lord, forgive the transgressions of your people: and by your goodness release us from the snare of sin, in which, by our frailty, we have been caught; 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, for all discerning vocations and those walking with them....

Diocese— Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul, Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chpl RN/ Asst Pr ; Canon Ian -Priest (rtd) the people of The West Highland Region: St John's, Ballachulish, St Adamnan's, Duror, St Mary's, Glencoe, St Paul's, Kinlochleven, St Bride's, Onich, and Holy Cross, Portnacraois: The Rev'd Amanda Fairclough

Anglican Communion – Zanzibar, our link diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh; the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria Archbp Samy Fawzy Shehata.

Porvoo Communion the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church: Archbp Urmas Ummi Viilma; Rochester, England Bp Jonathan Gibbs

Our Ministry—that our Cathedral and worshipping communities may be places of welcome and witness, that we may grow in Christ and be ready to to share all that faith means for us.

Oban Churches —for worshipping communities in and around Oban and for openness and trust with each other.

Worldwide and local... For places of conflict—Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and the West Bank, Sudan and all places of violence & unrest. For the innocent caught up, those enduring starvation, the grieving, injured and lost, scared and those without homes or family. For trust to grow between nations and peoples.

For places disrupted and scarred by the unrest of nature, the Philippines, for positive outcomes from COP30

For all we know who are unwell, awaiting, undergoing or recovering from treatment; for the lonely & those who have lost hope...May your Spirit bring wholeness and healing, hope & the joy of new life.

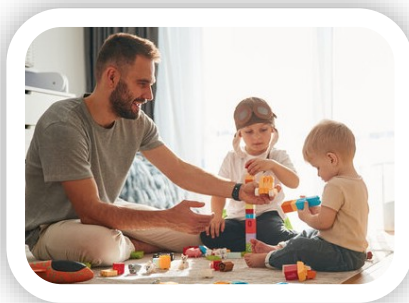
For all mourning the loss of loved ones that your promise of eternal life will bring comfort and hope

Dad's and Toddlers

Saturday December 13th
9.30-11.00 am
At St. John's Cathedral Hall
(Behind Coasters)

Bairns...banter...and bacon rolls.

Second Saturday each month.
Contact:
Paul 07943026773 for more information.



CARD PAYMENTS

The Cathedral now has a
Card Reader and can take
**WEEKLY COLLECTION
OFFERINGS or COFFEE**

DONATIONS by card.

It will be on the book desk on arrival
and at coffee. We hope that this will
help as less cash is carried!

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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to all who give to the Cathedral to safeguard our present & future

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Via website contact page

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

Assisting Priest: (NSM)The Rev'd Tom Ebbens Chapn RN

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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

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