



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN

ST JAMES, ARDBRECKNISH & KILBRANDON



October 12/ 19th ~ Pentecost 18/19

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

Oct 19th @ 11am with Revd Canon Tony Sparham
Nov 2nd @ 3.30pm with Provost Margi and Bishop David

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY OCT 12

10.15am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant: the Provost / Preacher: Canon Paul
5pm Fellowship@ 5
Wed 15 11am Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee
7pm Cathedral Choir Practice
Thu 16 10am Morning Prayer
10.30am Coffee and Chat
7.30pm Dunedin Consort in the Cathedral

SUNDAY OCT 19

10.15am Sung Eucharist
5.15pm Evensong
Tue 21 10.30am Faith in the Second Half of Life
Wed 22 11am Shorter Eucharist followed by coffee
12.45pm Sitting with Silence' led silent prayer in the Lady Chapel
Thu 23 10am Morning Prayer
10.30am Coffee and Chat
7pm Cathedral Choir Practice

A two-week Sheet as Margi will be on Skye on the panel
to appoint a new priest on Fri 17 and later back on Sat.

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

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St John's Cathedral Music welcomes

DUNEDIN CONSORT STRINGS

with soprano
Charlotte Bowden

Presenting

Bach, Handel & Biber.

Thur Oct 16th 7.30-9.30pm
in St John's Cathedral

On the door

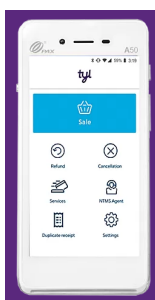
£20 General admission
£5 Under 30's / students/ unwages
£8 Disabled



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL GOING DEEPER IN FAITH

Reflecting with Canon Paul Watson on
FAITH IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE
Join Paul for an exploration of some of the ways our faith can
change over time.
We will be drawing on the Bible, literature, personal
experience and psychological insights for a varied and life
affirming discussion.

Tuesdays October 7th/ 21st & 28th
10.30am in St John's Cathedral
Open to all please invite others



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!

**FLOWERS &
THURSDAY
COFFEE ROTAS
HELP NEEDED**
All help is greatly
welcomed – please
do sign up as we
seek to offer a warm
welcome through
flowers and in
hospitality.

OBAN CATHEDRAL TO NORWICH CATHEDRAL SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

PLEASE SPONSOR MEL ON THIS INCREDIBLE JOURNEYAND SPREAD THE WORD!

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, OBAN
ORGAN FUND APPEAL 2025



**OBAN CATHEDRAL
TO
NORWICH
CATHEDRAL
BY BIKE**

FROM OCTOBER 9TH—18TH
Mel will cycle 581 (ish) miles for the Organ Appeal
plus separate sponsorship for 100 miles for Autism

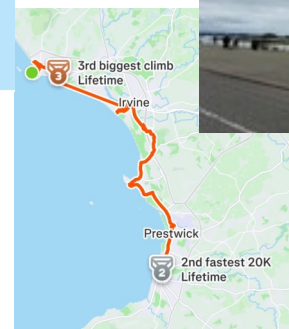
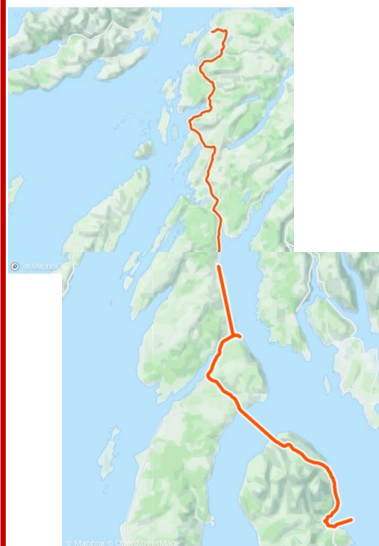
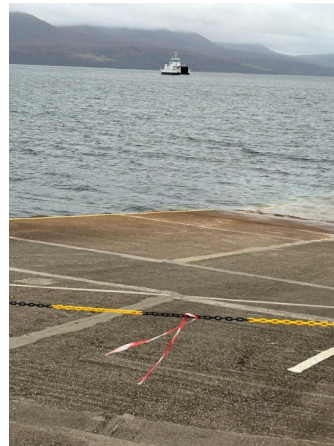
Our new organ was commissioned by Norwich Cathedral whilst their pipe organ was being refurbished—so we love this link!

SPONSOR FORMS in Cathedral
DONATE via QR code to Crowdfunder
Or via BACS—details on Weekly Sheet
Please clearly mark Bike Ride 581



1	09/10	St. John's Cathedral, Oban to Inverneil Hostel	40	40
2	10/10	Inverneil to Rothesay	40	80
3	11/10	Rothesay to Newton Stewart	82	162
4	12/10	Newton Stewart to Carlisle via Dumfries	85	247
5	13/10	Carlisle to Kirkby Stephen	50	297
6	14/10	Kirkby Stephen to Richmond	35	332
7	15/10	Richmond to Westow	55	387
8	16/10	Westow to Lincoln	75	462
9	17/10	Lincoln to Kings Lynn	62	524
10	18/10	King's Lynn to Norwich	49	573

Clonaig awaiting the ferry and the the beach, Saltcoats and Irvine...




The Route
tracked on
Strava

Daily updates on our facebook page
Days 1– 3 are complete and Mel
is keeping well—photos opposite

**SHOE BOX APPEAL
COMPLETED SHOEBOXES
TO ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
BY OCTOBER 26**

Last year with your unwavering support we sent over 85,000 shoeboxes to 8 countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia & Ukraine. Filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, toys & clothing, the individually-wrapped boxes go into schools, hospitals, orphanages & care homes, and households in very low income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine. If you are not able to fill a shoebox you can sponsor one [here](https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/) (click link if reading online or go to <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>)

A POWERFUL VIDEO OF HOW SHOEBOXES ARE DISTRIBUTED CAN BE FOUND HERE....
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jMM9dSsqURA3ka->



ORGAN FUND APPEAL 2025



FROM OBAN TO NORWICH BY BIKE...see p 2 for this epic fundraising event
please sponsor and spread the word! Updates daily on St John's fb page...
[stjohnsoban](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsoban)



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

ALL ORDERED ITEMS NOW READY FOR COLLECTION ...FOR NEW ORDERS PLEASE SPEAK TO VANESSA ANDERSON

DRINK COFFEE & TEA

at Cathedral services & events...

All donations PLUS All souvenir purchases go to the Organ Appeal



STILL UPCOMING

During the Winter Festival, Provost Marg will offer **TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL** to explore its history, tell some its stories look at the work of 2 famous artists who contributed to our Cathedral.....details to come...

Still to come: Calendar.... Plus Cathedral Christmas cards soon to be available....

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN APPEAL FUND	
£20,745	£55,500
£17,500	£55,000
£16000	£50,000
£12000	£45,500
£10000	£45,250
£9000	£45,000
£8000	£42,500
£7000	£40,000
£6000	£37,500
£5000	£35,000
£4000	£32,500
£3000	£30,000
£2000	£27,500
£1000	£24,983.00
£500	£23,627.44



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



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



Recipe Book

A Recipe Book produced by the St Margaret's Guild 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.

**WINTER CHOIRS
IN THE CATHEDRAL**
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15th @ 7pm
A celebration with local choirs and featuring the new Cathedral Organ...

Entry by donation - proceeds split between The Dove Centre & Cathedral Organ Appeal

Plus...warm winter refreshments

**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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SEC? FAITH & ORDER BOARD REPORT

The Faith & Order Board convened online on 8 September, with Miriam Weibye opening by reporting on her participation in the World Council of Churches meeting in June.

DOCTRINE COMMITTEE

Rev Canon Dr Nicholas Taylor, outgoing convener, presented suggested areas of work for the Committee, starting with a focus on the Doctrine of Creation. He noted recent membership changes and confirmed that the Province-wide resource survey intended to scope expertise around the Province, is now live here. The Board commended the direction of the suggested work and thanked Dr Taylor for his work revitalising the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON CANONS

Dr Samuel White reported that recent work has focused on getting Canon 4 to its first and second readings this year. The Committee awaits the Canonical Review Group's findings which he expects to form the basis of the work ahead.

INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Rev Canon Prof Charlotte Methuen outlined work on covenant partnerships beyond traditional Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs), inspired by models successful in England and Wales. The work will include reviewing LEPs, exploring alternative models, and gathering insights from existing partnerships. Issues raised in the meeting included how to offer hospitality for other denominations in SEC buildings, ecclesiological implications, and ecumenical engagement beyond worship, such as school chaplaincy.

The Saint Ninian Declaration, passed by General Synod and accepted by Roman Catholic bishops, was signed in both Edinburgh cathedrals on 16 September.

Prof. Methuen also introduced the Nairobi-Cairo proposals, a response to ongoing tensions in the Anglican Communion. The SEC will submit a formal response to the proposals.

INTERFAITH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Bishop Nick now holds the interfaith brief from the College of Bishops, and will help guide the Committee through the next steps. The Board also discussed responses to recent far-right protests and extremism.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Rev Rosie Addis, the new convener, reported progress on a Gaelic translation of the revised Scottish Liturgy 1982, noting the need for principles for translation of liturgies into any language. She also introduced new feedback mechanisms for experimental liturgies.

Discussions from the last Board meeting continued on the relationship between baptism, confirmation, reception rites, and the Ordinal, which will return to the Doctrine Committee for further consideration. Funeral Rites are undergoing targeted experimental use, with feedback expected. The convener requested extended experimental use of the Season of Creation material. The Communion from the Reserved Sacrament liturgy, still based on the 1970 version, is under review with input from lay ministers and deacons.

Two 1960s liturgies (for baptism and funerals), previously thought lost and scheduled for withdrawal from Canon 22, have been rediscovered. The Board reviewed these and agreed that their withdrawal will again be proposed at General Synod.

Dr Taylor and Dr John Davies will prepare a response on the SEC's experience with virtual Communion for the next Anglican Consultative Council.

There is growing consensus among Western Churches to adopt a Feast of Creation/God the Creator. The Board discussed the implications for the Lectionary, Calendar, and liturgy, with an initial proposal to be brought to General Synod.

PLANNING AND LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Miriam Weibye reported that budget and planning work is underway across committees. Rev Prof Trevor Hart will succeed Dr Taylor as convener of the Doctrine Committee. The Interfaith Relations Committee convenership remains vacant, and Prof Methuen will step down from Inter-Church Relations next year.



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

TO ALL WHO ARE DONATING & ATTENDING ORGAN APPEAL EVENTS.

We have reached an amazing **£ 24,983.00**

With so many donations coming in, and alot being anonymous, we cannot write and thank everyone – but please be assured that **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.

If you are worried whether an amount has gone in, we can check but it can take us a few days (we do not online banking!)

We are looking, at the end of fundraising, at a way of marking all those who wish to have names mentioned as donors.

October 12/ 19 th

Eucharist Readings 12th: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19

19th : 2 Timothy 3: 14- 4:5 Luke 18: 1-8

Hymns 12th SP 113, SP 301, SP 175, SP 155 Communion SP 270

19th—tbc

COLLECT 12th

O Lord, since without you we cannot please you:
let the work of your mercy in all things guide our hearts;
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, Diocese of Edinburgh—Primus Mark Interim Bishop / Diocese of Glasgow—Bishop Nick

Diocese— Bishop David; Provost Margi; Canon Paul, Rev'd Tom Ebbens - Chpl RN/ Asst Pr ; Canon Ian -Priest (rtd)

12th: our outreach and mission across the diocese; all our diocesan officers and our office staff

19th: the journey towards net zero across our diocesan churches and buildings

Anglican Communion – Archbishop Desgt of Canterbury—Bishop Sarah Mullaly; Zanzibar, our link diocese: Bp Michael Hafidh;

12th: the Church of the Province of Uganda: Archbp Stephen Kaziimba

19th: Episcopal Church centred on the United States of America: Presiding Bp Sean Rowe

Porvoo Communion 12th: Strängnäs, Sweden: Bp Johan Dalman; Tunsberg (Tønsberg), Norway: Bp Jan Myrseth,

Truro, England: Bp David Williams

19th: Oxford, England: Bp Steven Croft; Växjö, Sweden: Bp Fredrik Modéus

Our congregation— *Please pray for John Murphy as he heads to Israel with Samaritan's Purse. More details later but we pray for him and the team— for safety and health as they help others desperately in need, for all to whom they offer care and aid...and for Louise and families as they wait at home...*



Oban Churches —for thoughts & plans to worship and witness together - that each community of faith may grow in faithfulness, discipleship & confidence in our God.

Worldwide and local... For places of conflict—Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and the West Bank 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. May the fragile peace between Israel and Palestine hold and bring hope and relief, new opportunity and healing. May your love fill the hearts of all to fill emptiness and injury with new life.

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.

Open our hearts and minds to share your Kingdom

HOME COMMUNION /VISITS

Canon Paul would love to meet members of the congregation and have conversations... he is offering 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

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

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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

<https://www.cafonline.org/system/donate?dbid=84ae628419dd4585a209b68bfbcb8f5ac>