

Diocesan Newsletter

for

Argyll and The Isles

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Dear Friends,

Thank you to all those who have commented on the Newsletter. It is gratifying to know that it is read by some! Please let me know of anyone who would like to be added to the e-mailing list.

Anyone who has had dealings with those losing their faculties through dementia or other causes should read the newsletter below produced by Faith in Older People sponsored by the Claremont Trust.

Communications

If you have enquiries relating to the Diocese or Province, previously attended to by Bishop Martin, please get in touch with the Diocesan Office. office@argyll.anglican.org 01631 570870.

Bishop Mark of Moray, Ross and Caithness has been appointed as the next Commisary for our diocese, this follows the Episcopal election entering a new phase. The Commisary acts for the Primus in all diocesan functions and is contactable in the following ways:- E-mail bishop@moray.anglican.org Telephone on business 01463 811333; Telephone number for pastoral issues 01463 819900 The Dean's health and voice continue to improve. He is due to have a scan and see his consultant in early August. The Dean can be contacted at the Rectory (01631 562323): if Barbara is not available to answer the phone, a message will be left for other numbers to contact.

Office Hours

Sue is usually in the office from 9.30am-2.30pm Mon-Wed (01631 570870) office@argyll.anglican.org. Peter usually works from home but can be contacted by e-mail secretary@argyll.anglican.org. Jean is most easily contacted at her office on 01631 567007 or e-mail jean@jeanainsley.co.uk. We do listen to answer-phone messages and reply as soon as we can.

Diocesan Lent Appeal

£1472.91 has been sent to the Diocese of Zanzibar. Thanks to all who contributed to this sum.

Diocesan Retreat

We are delighted that our retreat conductor will be

the Rev Dr Michael Kitchener, recently arrived from the Borders to live in Argyll. An experienced leader of retreats, he plans to guide us as 'Pilgrims into Silence'.

Retreatants will have an opportunity to get to know each other; will then be led in an exploration of different kinds of silence on Tuesday before moving into an extended silence over Tuesday evening and Wednesday. On Thursday we will reflect together on the experience. Michael will be available throughout for individual guidance. The daily worship pattern of the Cathedral of The Isles will underpin the days. Michael says: 'This retreat is about prayer, our relationship with the deep mystery we call 'God'. 'Our retreat begins on All Saints' Day and includes All Soul's day when we focus on our brothers and sisters in Christ who have already died. What does it mean to say that we are still one body with them, our unity in prayer unbroken? The silence of death throws us into the dark, and perhaps gives us a clue to the nature of all prayer – and a clue to the grounding of Christian and human community.'

The Retreat will take place at The College of the Holy Spirit, from **Monday November 1st – Thursday 4th**, arriving Monday and departing after lunch on Thursday. People are welcome to arrive in time for evening prayer at 5.15pm or to check in before dinner at 7pm. Bookings should be made direct with The College with a deposit of £25. Full payment, balance of £125, to be made by **30th September**. If you want to be sure of a place, contact David Todd on 01475 530353. Financial help will be available from the Diocese if necessary.

ISLAND RETREATS

The College of the Holy Spirit, Cumbrae

Join a retreat on the Isle of Cumbrae in the stunning setting of The Cathedral of The Isles. Come as an individual, a couple or a small group and be part of a midweek or weekend retreat led by the Warden. Adjust your pace of life to a few days of saying Daily Office, Midday Eucharist with a visiting celebrant, a little intellectual stimulation, lots of time for reflection and recreation and good home-cooking.

Weekend Retreat – 3 nights:

Friday 8 to Monday 11 October 2010

Midweek Retreats – 4 nights:

Monday 13 to Friday 17 September 2010

Monday 27 September to Friday 1 October 2010

Price per person from £160 for Weekend or £215 for Midweek Retreat.

10% discount for sharing room. Small supplement for en-suite facilities.

Telephone 01475 530353 or email cathedral_cumbrae@btconnect.com for application form. [Clergy and Theological Students may qualify for

assistance from the Warden's Discretionary Fund.]

Bishop's House, Iona

Thursday 9 to Monday 13 September 2010 (4 nights) for a group (up to 23 people).

Saturday 2 October to Saturday 16 October 2010 (2 x 7 nights or 14 nights).

Self catering now available from Saturday 6 November until mid December and from mid January 2011 until mid February 2011. A fantastic way to enjoy Iona in a different season! Telephone 01681 700111 or email iona@island-retreats.org for further information.

Music for a Summer Afternoon 2010

Cathedral of The Isles, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae A series of concerts at 3 p.m. throughout the summer.

Sunday **8 August** Wills Morgan (tenor) Alastair Chisholm (piano) A recital by a gifted tenor of memorable modern Scottish songs by F.G. Scott, Erik Chisholm and Ronald Stevenson.

Sunday **15 August** St Maura Singers A concert by a quartet of singers which has been associated with the Cathedral of The Isles since 1969. Their programme will include music by Renaissance and modern composers.

Sunday **22 August** Telemann Ensemble A return visit for this wonderful group who will play a varied programme of Baroque music

Sunday **29 August** Jonathan Cohen and Alastair Chisholm (2 pianos) A concert using the Lipp and Bösendorfer grand pianos including music by Schumann, Barber and Britten (Mazurka elegiaca)

Sunday **5 September** Andrew Johnston (piano) A recital which contrasts the electrifying Sonata of Samuel Barber with some of the piano music of Chopin which he admired so much.

Sunday **12 September** Jane Guy (contralto) A return visit by this fine Scottish contralto who will sing a varied programme including music by Pergolesi, Aaron Copland and Kurt Weill

Sunday **19 September** Archie McLellan and Esther McLellan (2 pianos) A varied programme of 2-piano music by Shostakovich, Martinu and R.R. Bennett

Sunday **26 September** Pure Brass A brilliant and exciting close to the season given by this splendid young quintet of brass players.

Other Events

Friday **10 September** at **8.00 p.m.** Tom Hay (clarinet); Sheila Hay (oboe); Feargus Hetherington (viola); Alastair Chisholm (piano) A mellow evening of chamber music, including masterpieces by Bruch, Mozart and Schumann. The concert will end in time to catch the last ferry from the island

Scottish Churches House

Walkers Week **9 August** - 5:00pm - 14 August - 11:00pm

Senior Citizens' Summer Break **23 August** - 4:00pm - 27 August- 10:30am

Trust and Authority - pre-Pope Visit Theological Seminar

30 August - 9:30am - 1 September - 5:30pm

Grasping Nettles - Reconciliation: the sting in the tale -- searching for reconciliation

1 September - 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Meeting Points: - where do we go from here? **2**

September - 10:30am - 4:00pm

Music for an Autumn Evening **11 September**- 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Individually Guided Retreat **13 September** - 9:30am - 17 September - 5:30pm

Booking: Email reservations@scottishchurches.house.org or call 01786 823588. Disabled access and nappy changing available. Crèche support can be arranged for daytime events – please enquire.

St John's Cathedral, Oban – 100th Anniversary

The Anniversary Service will take place on Sunday **15th August**, 2010. The guest preacher will be the Rev Canon Allan MacLean, former provost of the Cathedral.

A Flower Festival will be held in the Cathedral from Thursday, **12th** – Wednesday **18th August**.

Speaking Engagements required for Howard Taylor, who is Deputy Director of the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf (HLID). The school which comes under the Diocese of Jerusalem is run by Evangelical Episcopalians and is really the only facility in the Middle East working with the Deaf Community.

HLID is very much more than a school. They provide training for teachers from other ME countries; this is mainly in teaching teachers to teach deaf children how to sign. There are also community outreach projects which apart from benefiting the local communities are serving as very informal, but positive, links between Christian and Muslim peoples. Within the school grounds there is a very amazing Deaf/Blind unit for children. The actual school provides boarding for some 130 children, and there are a further 20 who come in as day pupils. The children are in the main Muslim, many from Bedouin families ranging in age from 3yrs to 23yrs - a story in itself! The school is a big provider of employment too, often employing those who would otherwise be un-employable. Amongst the many ongoing HLID projects, they are providing an excellent training and employment programme for people to become hearing aid technicians. The British Embassy in Jordan is donating a mobile clinic so that (the very poor)

people in outlying districts can have access to hearing aids. Howard, himself very deaf, is coming to Scotland in September and is looking for some church related speaking engagements. There is a (fairly poor) website which people can of course look at. Contact Anne Pattullo on 01337 858236. Obsolete hearing aids which can then be sent out to Jordan are also required - any contacts or advice in relation to this would also be welcome!

Living Beyond Loss

2nd National Conference on Bereavement in a Healthcare Setting Dundee **2 and 3 September**

Please note that the full programme and registration for this exciting conference is now available on the conference website at www.ncbhs.org.uk

This conference is a major opportunity for all those who work in health or social care or whose work brings them into contact with people who are facing their own death, or struggling to come to terms with the death of relative or friend.

Keynote speakers: Professor Irwin Sandler on Resilience; Dr Magi Sque on Decision-making; Professor Danai Papadatou on Effects on staff
Seminars from: Margaret Stroebe and Henk Schut; David Trickey; Ted Bowman; John Birrell and Ewan Kelly; Dot Weaks; Zamir Hussain; Margaret Christison

Debate on Bereavement Assessment - Who assesses whom? Why? When? Against what?

Annual Pilgrimage to Ensay

The Congregation of Christ Church, Harris and friends will be making their annual pilgrimage to the chapel on the Isle of Ensay on Saturday, **September 4th** when Bishop Mark will celebrate Holy Communion. An extra boat has been hired to enable others to join this event. Please contact the Diocesan Office for further details.

Ordination on Iona

Rev Joyce Watson is to be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday **11th September** on Iona. The service will begin with the Liturgy of the Word at the Parish Church at 12 noon followed by the ordination at St Mary's Cathedral (The Abbey) and then celebration of the Eucharist in St Columba's Chapel, Bishops House. Please pray for Joyce and the people she will continue to serve.

Godly Play -

3rd Godly Play European Conference - "Going Deeper"

Friday 17 September – Monday 20 September, 2010 Helsinki, Finland

This conference, boasting several eminent speakers including Godly Play founder Jerome Berryman, will be suitable for beginners and the seasoned

practitioner alike, and will take place at the beautiful Finnish lakeside venue of the Church Training College near Helsinki. There are 20 available places (but going fast!) for UK folk to book through Godly Play UK.

For more details visit <http://www.godlyplay.fi/egpc1.html>, and if you'd like to book contact Sheila Rogers on sheila.rogers@talktalk.net for further information.

Argyll and The Isles Magazine

Deadlines for the Autumn issue are **22nd September** for articles, letters etc and **29th September** for Parish news.

Back to Church Sunday

Back to Church Sunday takes place this year on **Sunday 26th September** and all congregations are encouraged to take part. The Diocesan Board of Mission and Ministry has decided that this year decisions to take part and distribution of materials should be left to individual congregations. Information on Back to Church Sunday can be found on its website <http://www.backtochurch.co.uk/> and also the ACTS website <http://www.acts-scotland.org/>.

Pilgrimage to Assisi to celebrate the Feast of St

Francis with Bishop Martin Shaw **Sunday 3rd - Sunday 10th October (2nd-10th from Scotland)** This pilgrimage offers an insight into the life and message of St Francis by offering experience, challenge and reflection; as well as delight in each other's company and, of course, restoration. Four key factors in Francis' own experience you can share in directly: the beauty of Assisi itself and its creative and troubled history that deepens the understanding of Europe's present challenges; the power of the Crucifix that spoke to Francis' heart directly about the demands of Love; how simplicity challenged and continues to challenge (as well as delight) men and women throughout the world; Christianity is about joy and living as fully in each moment as possible. For general information, questions about tours or just to request a brochure or group pack, please get in contact with us: 020 7485 3003 *Email:* info@paxtravel.co.uk *Mail:* 152-156 Kentish Town Road, LONDON, NW1 9QB

Vokalensemble "Voskresenije"

Our little choir with the name "Voskresenije" ("Resurrection "), under the direction of Jurij Maruk, consists of 9 professional female and male vocalists. All of them have studied at the conservatory of St.Petersburg, Russia. The choir was founded by Jurij Maruk in 1993,2000,2004,2006,2009 and has been performing in Germany, Switzerland, UK, France, Italy and Austria, mainly in churches. The

repertoire of the ensemble includes Russian Sacred Music as well as folkloristic music.

In fall 2010 we are planning a concert tour in **Scotland 5th,13th,14th, 16th of November.**

We would be very happy to be able to give a concert in your community. In addition we ask the communities to provide food and lodging for the 9 members of our choir for the day of the concert. The last year we had very good concerts (Christ Church Carmathen, Lampeter, Christ Church Ebb Vale, St.Cadoc's Raglan, St Theodore's Port Talbot, Inverness St Ninian's,Edinburgh St.Mary's Dalmohoy,Edinburgh St.Patrick's Church,Rosslyn Chapel, Oban, Dunoon,)

If you are interested, please send us a written answer with proposals of dates for the performance.

If you have further questions, don't hesitate to ask. We would be very happy to get news from you and are hoping for a positive decision. With kind regards, Jurij Maruk.Budapestskaya str.5-1-159 192242 St.Petersburg Russia,

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<http://blethers.blogspot.com/2005/11/voskresenije-in-holy-trinityjpg.html>

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Dave Allen (Hi is our friend which well speaks in Russian.

When we rehearsed Rachmaninov Vesper's.. It he to us helped to translate)

Mitchel Troy, Monmouth 01600712233 E-mail

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The Claremont Trust

We live in a world where everyone's budgets are being squeezed. Some individuals and organisations can take that in their stride, with a little bit of belt-tightening here and there, and they might even benefit from the enforced slimming diet. But there are many other groups whose projects are very hard-hit, and who desperately need help and encouragement. The Claremont Trust exists to help some of the latter. It is a small, ecumenical body with limited financial resources, which seeks to help constructive and radical projects in Scotland and abroad, both within and outside the Church, as well as in the field of inter-faith activity.

This year, for example, it has given grants to a range of groups. One of them is the Chisswell House Creative Activities Focus Group, a group which supports drama workshops at HMP Greenock and

which seeks to address such issues as drug misuse, aggression and sectarianism.

Faith in Older People is a totally different group yet again. It is an organisation which seeks to enhance the quality of life and well-being of older people throughout Scotland by working with those providing practical, pastoral, or spiritual care.

Some of the grants go abroad, and a good example would be the New Earth Team in Trichirappalli, Tamil Nadu, India where the project is to educate tribal women in four Indian villages on their rights to their land, on farming, and on livelihood issues

For further information or a grant application form please contact the Secretary, Mrs Judith Fairley, 15 The Row, Letham, Fife, KY15 7RS. To contribute to the Claremont Trust contact the Treasurer, Mr Norman Kerr, 57 Raeswood Gardens, Crookston, Glasgow, G53 7LD.

Faith in Older People

See the Summer newsletter produced by this group on their website: faithinolderpeople.org.uk. email:info@fiop.org.uk 21a Grosvenor Crescent; EDINBURGH EH12 5EL Tel: 0131 346 7981

Writers required!

Any one interested in writing for the new online SEC publication, *Inspires*, please contact Fiona Rice campbellrice1@aol.com

York Courses

York Courses produce an annual ecumenical Lent Course for church study groups. Contributors to past courses include the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, Joel Edwards, John Bell, Patricia Routledge, Leslie Griffiths, Professor Frances Young, Ann Widdecombe and Nicky Gumbel.

If you want to:learn more about the Christian faith; tackle the biggest questions facing humanity; examine your own beliefs, in fellowship with others these course are for you.

The new course for Lent 2011 is called Rich Inheritance – Jesus' legacy of love and raises a range of vital issues for our lives in the modern world. As always, each of the 5 sessions closes with a wide selection of questions to provoke lively discussion.

The participants on the course CD are the Archbishop of Westminster, Vincent Nichols; New Testament Scholar, Paula Gooder and American author and public theologian, Jim Wallis. Dr David Hope introduces the course and Methodist Minister Inderjit Bhogal provides the thoughtful Closing Reflections. The course booklet is written by Bishop Stephen Cottrell.

University of Aberdeen -Christian and Religious Studies

Part time and distance learning courses available in Hebrew Bible; New Testament; Church History and Doctrine; Practical and Systematic Theology and Religious Studies. Contact: Centre for Lifelong Learning 01224 272777; christianandreligiousstudies@abdn.ac.uk; www.abdn.ac.uk/lifelonglearning

Tax Justice in Africa

'I know that if tax justice was achieved in Africa, I would not see any more kids along the streets, I would not see women dying while giving birth, I would not see ten-year-old kids going to work because their parents cannot afford to send them to school.' - Sandra Kidwingira, Tax Justice Campaigner, Zambia. Over 5,000 people have co-signed my letter to Vince Cable to make sure that the UK does everything we can to stop tax dodging by unscrupulous businesses operating internationally. Sandra's words should inspire us all to work for tax justice for the poor. Watch her describe what motivates her to campaign for tax justice, then add your voice to the call for tax transparency at <http://action.christianaid.org.uk/watchthevideo>

Volunteering in Parishes

It's just got easier to keep up to date with workshops, news, suggestions and resources for recruiting and supporting volunteers for ministry in your parish.

Volunteering in Parishes has a new website – www.volunteeringinparishes.org.uk same address but bigger, brighter and easier to use. You can order workbooks and resources more easily too. Just complete the online form and your order will be sent to you with an invoice.

Barbara Wallace, 4 St Georges Road, Broadstairs CT10 1NR tel: 07976 970726

Partnerships

The Scottish Episcopal Church offers a welcome to members of the Churches of the Porvoo Communion to worship with us. This includes many people from the Baltic States. A unique partnership between the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church in Scotland and the United Reformed Church, National Synod of Scotland has also been sealed. A few Porvoo posters are available from the Diocesan office and laminated Statements of Partnership will be going out to all charges.

www.porvoochurches.org;
www.scotland.anglican.org

Church Harvest – Self Help Africa

Every year this charity offers a free church harvest

pack. This great resource for churches is crammed full of sermon ideas, hymn suggestions, case studies from projects in Malawi and much more. Further information from www.selfhelpafrica.net; 01743 277170; harvest@selfhelpafrica.net; Self Help Africa Freepost RRXU-AZHB-EBEE, Westgate House, Hilly Lane, Shrewsbury, SY11 1QU.

Build Africa

This charity asks you to "Share your Harvest" this year and feed vulnerable children and orphans. There are some fund raising suggestions. Contact: 01892 519619; www.build-africa.org; hello@build-africa.org.uk

Jobs and events can be seen at

www.scottishchristian.com

Gift Aid Samples of envelopes are available from the Diocesan Office. This simple method increases the value of donations by 28%.

Douglas Hamilton – Stained Glass

I am trying to do some research on the Glasgow stained glass artist Douglas Hamilton (1895-1959) and would be grateful for any information about him and his work. I know that there is one Episcopal church in Scotland where his windows may be found but I feel certain there must be others. Jeff Hopewell (The Revd), The Vicarage, Church Lane, Old Dalby, Melton Mowbray LE14 3LB 01664 820064 jshopewell@btinternet.com

The September Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the **Diocesan Office**) – material to be received by Monday 25th August 2010

Diocesan August/September Diary

Sunday, 15th August – Confirmation at St Columba, Portree by Bishop Mark

Sunday, 15th August – St John's Cathedral, Oban, Centenary Service

Saturday, 4th September – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ensay

Saturday, 11th September – Ordination of Rev Joyce Watson on Iona

Tuesday, 21st September – Finance Committee

Tuesday, 28th September – Standing Committee

Tuesday, 28th September – Diocesan Board of Mission and Ministry