

# Diocesan Newsletter

for  
**Argyll and The Isles**  
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Dear Friends,  
Congratulations to Martin and Elspeth as they become grandparents. Beatrice Elspeth, born on 24<sup>th</sup> July, and her parents Madeleine and Eamonn are doing well.

## Communications

The Bishop is based in the Diocesan Centre. ([bishop@argyll.anglican.org](mailto:bishop@argyll.anglican.org) 01631 570870) but can also be reached at home - Bishop's House, Ganavan Sands, Oban PA34 5TB (01631 562617). Please address all correspondence to the Bishop's Office, Diocesan Centre.

The Dean now has 2-monthly check-ups at the Western General in Edinburgh (up to now, it has been every 6 weeks) – which is a step continuing in the right direction. He is also taking a small part in Services in the Cathedral, but actually celebrated the Eucharist at the beginning of July. He is very grateful to the Revd Ian Walter and the Revd Kit Jarman for their continued support and help.

## Argyll and The Isles Magazine

Hard copies of the new bumper summer edition are available and well worth a read! It should also be available to download from the Diocesan Website very soon.

## Office Hours

Sue and Audrey are usually in the office from 9.30am-2.30pm **Mon-Thurs** (01631 570870) [office@argyll.anglican.org](mailto:office@argyll.anglican.org)). Peter usually works from home but can be contacted by e-mail [secretary@argyll.anglican.org](mailto:secretary@argyll.anglican.org). Jean is most easily contacted at her office on 01631 567007 or e-mail [jean@jeanainsley.co.uk](mailto:jean@jeanainsley.co.uk). We do listen to answer-phone messages and reply as soon as we can. We will be taking some holidays over the summer so do bear with us if we are a little slow to respond!

## Diocesan Retreat

– Compassion, Companionship, Communion  
Cathedral of the Isles,  
31st October - 3rd November 2011

**Book now to be sure of your place.** Places will be reserved for members of this Diocese until 1st September. Thereafter places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

You can book by

- downloading a form from the Diocesan Website
- ringing The College on 01475 530353
- emailing [Cathedral\\_Cumbræ@btconnect.com](mailto:Cathedral_Cumbræ@btconnect.com)

**What will happen?** Attitudes to food, fasting and feasting will be examined through scripture, literature, film and silence, guided by Anne Tomlinson, Ministry Development Officer, Glasgow and Galloway

- talks
- time both to reflect upon in silence and with others,
- space for walking peacefully along the shore or around the island
- personal prayer and corporate worship in the Cathedral of the Isles.

**Could I go?** All are welcome. You don't need to be especially 'holy' (who is?). If you're interested in exploring your relationship with God, if the topic attracts you, if you need to recharge your spiritual batteries, do consider coming to Cumbræ for the retreat.

**Still not sure?** Speak to Alison on 01700 500489 or email [alison@wordsinaction.net](mailto:alison@wordsinaction.net) Bishop Kevin is happy to advise on preparing for a retreat. If finance is an issue, do get in touch. Some help may be available from the Diocese.

## Bishop Kevin writes:

“The Diocesan Retreat is a superb opportunity for as many of us as possible to pray, worship and spend some time together, literally for the good of the Diocese. I am looking forward to the retreat enormously and Anne Tomlinson is a gifted retreat leader. The retreat is open to all members of the Diocese and if anyone would like advice on how to make the most of the time, they are very welcome to get in touch with me.”

## Building the Vision

Following on from discussions held during Diocesan Synod, “Building the Vision” packs have been sent out to Lay Representatives and Charge Leaders throughout the Diocese. If your charge has not yet received any material, please contact Audrey at the Diocesan Office. Bishop Kevin and Alison Clark will begin to roll out the process in early August.

## Bishop's Lent Appeal

We would like to send off the Lent Appeal monies to the Diocese of Zanzibar very soon. At present

the appeal has reached just under £500. Any further donations will be very gratefully received.

## **ISLAND RETREATS**

### **Bishop's House, Iona**

#### **Retreat - Aug 20th - 27th**

St Paul's, Little Marsden, Nelson, Lancs are having a week at **Bishop's House** but unfortunately there are vacancies - 4 twin bedrooms. Cost £350 per person. Sailing from Mull on Aug 20th at 11.45am & returning on Aug 27th 10.30am (to be booked). If anyone is interested in this unexpected opportunity, please contact Anne Cook directly, and **as soon as possible**. 153 Bradshaw St, Nelson, Lancs, BB9 0BH or phone 01282 697644 (answering machine available)

Bishops House is happy to offer spaces for an Autumn get away. A seven night retreat arrival Saturday **10th September**. Please contact the warden for more information.

There is also availability for any church groups who would like to book the whole house at the start of **October**. Again please give the warden a call for more information. Email: [iona@island-retreats.org](mailto:iona@island-retreats.org) Phone: 01681 700 111

### **Island Breaks**

The College of the Holy Spirit and the Cathedral of The Isles

#### **Aug-Sept - Music for a Summer Afternoon**

Every Sunday afternoon throughout August & September at 3pm.

#### **7 August Katharine Laurie Jones, soprano and Alastair Chisholm, piano**

One of Scotland's finest singers, specially noted for her interpretive skills, returns to perform songs by Peter Warlock and other English composers.

#### **14<sup>th</sup> August - Ian Watt, Guitar**

Music by Dowland, Sor, Albeniz, Britten and others performed by this fine young Scottish player

#### **21<sup>st</sup> August - Telemann Ensemble**

A concert of Baroque music given by this wonderful group of players from Glasgow

#### **28<sup>th</sup> August - Jonathan Cohen, piano and Alastair Chisholm, piano**

A concert using the Lipp and Bosendorfer grand pianos including jazz influenced music by Gershwin, Grainger and Milhaud.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> September - Jane Guy, contralto, David Mackie, piano**

A varied programme including work to mark the centenary of the death of WS Gilbert presented by this well known pair of Scottish artists.

## **Monday 26 to Thursday 29 September - Coping with Stress**

From £180 Full Board for 3 days. Non-residential £35 "We talk about stress quite openly now but what is 'stress'? How does it affect us physically, mentally, emotionally and socially? Join us for this course and learn to understand stress: what are the causes and what techniques can we learn to help us cope with it?" Anthea Clarke leads.

Download Information Sheet and Booking Forms on [www.island-retreats.org](http://www.island-retreats.org) or contact The Warden email [cathedral\\_cumbrae@btconnect.com](mailto:cathedral_cumbrae@btconnect.com) or telephone 01475 530353

### **St John's Bible Study group**

The St John's Study group meets in the Lindsay Room of St John's Cathedral, Oban on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 12:00 after the mid-week communion service, finishing at 2:00. They are currently looking at St Paul's letter to the Colossians. All are welcome to come and join in. Tea & coffee supplied, but please bring a packed lunch. Any queries, please contact the Diocesan Office.

### **East Africa food crisis appeal**

More than 10 million people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance after the worst drought in east Africa for more than 60 years. More information and donations can be made at [www.christianaid.co.uk](http://www.christianaid.co.uk)

### **Church in Society - web administrator**

Wanted: person with computer skills to update the webpage of the Church in Society Committee on the SEC website from time to time. Familiarity with managing web uploads would be desirable. Time commitment would be variable according to the workload of the committee. If interested please contact [churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org) by the **1st August 2011**.

### **Scottish Churches' Rural Group, 2011 Rural Conference**

Tuesday **30<sup>th</sup> August**,

The Stables Meeting Room, Falkland Estate, Falkland 9.45am – 4.00pm A programme of particular interest to rural Clergy. For booking form and programme contact: [shonapaterson@acts-scotland.org](mailto:shonapaterson@acts-scotland.org); 01259 222362.

### **Cross-Scotland Pilgrimage 7-14 September 2011**

From Celtic to Pictish Scotland. Led by The Reverend Dr Ian Bradley and assisted by Bishop Martin Shaw.

.....following in the wake and the route of Christian missionaries as they journeyed gradually eastwards from the Celtic kingdom of Dalriada in modern

Argyll to the Pictish heartlands of Perthshire, Angus and Fife. It anticipates the route of the proposed cross-country pilgrim route from Iona to St Andrews of which Ian Bradley is one of the main protagonists and promoters. After starting at Iona, the pilgrimage will move to the Kilmartin Valley which can in many ways be seen as the spiritual cradle and heartland of Scotland, with its megalithic monuments, the sacred hill of Dunadd and the unique collection of medieval crosses and gravestones. Worship along the route will be in ancient and significant Church of Scotland and Episcopalian churches with much use of Celtic liturgy and local participation. Among the pilgrim places visited will be Fortingall, with its legendary links with Pontius Pilate, Dunkeld, resting place of the relics of St Columba, and St Andrews, for long the ecclesiastical capital of Scotland, with its spectacular ruined Cathedral and numerous ancient churches and chapels. For more information; contact: Pax travel. [info@paxtravel.co.uk](mailto:info@paxtravel.co.uk) or telephone 0207 485 3003.

### **The Scottish Churches Organist Training Scheme** Training Days

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** Cupar; **November 19<sup>th</sup>** Stirling.

Scots exists to find and encourage emerging organists as well as to assist those already in posts who wish to develop their skills. The focus is not so much on achieving technical brilliance as on developing the gifts, skills and understanding to contribute to a more satisfying experience of worship for the whole congregation. For further information and registration contact Susan Wilson, membership Secretary, 01592 874748 [sdwilson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sdwilson@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Godly Play Calendar – Autumn 2011**

Godly Play Scotland is a voluntary organisation, set up to promote Godly Play in Scotland.

**Details for all Discovery Days:** Time: 10.00 – 4.00 (coffee and registration from 9.45) Cost: £12 per head, to include soup and bread lunch

**Details for all Godly Play Circles:** Time: 7.30 till 9.00 approximately Cost: free, but donations towards catering would be appreciated

**27 August – Discovery Day,** Dumfries St John the Evangelist, SEC, Lover's Walk, Dumfries DG1 1LR

**3 September – Discovery Day,** Bathgate St Columba SEC, 79 Glasgow Road, Bathgate EH48 2AJ

**28 September – Godly Play Circle,** Duddingston Godly Play Centre, Duddingston Kirk Manse, Old Church Lane (enter via Duddingston Road West) Edinburgh EH15 3PX

**1 October – Discovery Day,** Duddingston As Above

### **18-20 October – Accredited Three Day Godly Play Training Course**

Salvation Army, Mill Lane, Paisley PA1 1ND Cost: £280 (non residential) There are numerous B&B options in Paisley including Premier Inn. Trainers: Dr Rebecca Nye and Rev Peter Privett. Timing: Each day will start at 8.30am. Day 1 will end at 6.30pm, Day 2 at 6.30pm and Day 3 at 5.00pm. Sandwich Lunches included To book: please complete the 3 day booking form which can be found at [www.godlyplay.org.uk/3daycourses](http://www.godlyplay.org.uk/3daycourses) or contact [sheila.rogers@talktalk.net](mailto:sheila.rogers@talktalk.net) for enquiries.

**29 October – Discovery Day,** Isle of Seil, Kilbrandon Church, Cuan Road, Seil PA34 4RA

**12 November – Discovery Day,** Inverness Salvation Army, Inverness Corps, 20 Tomnahurich Street, Inverness IV3 5DD

**26 November – Discovery Day,** Collydean Baptist Church, Torphins Avenue, Glenrothes KY7 6UL

**Fifth Godly Play Lecture - 1 December,** Birmingham Godly Play Scotland, Duddingston Kirk Manse, Old Church Lane, Edinburgh EH15 3PX Tel: 07957 885930 e-mail: [admin@godlyplayscotland.co.uk](mailto:admin@godlyplayscotland.co.uk)

### **Give Poverty the Boot**

This Harvest Festival, you can take part in Give Poverty the Boot and help African families produce more food. Your congregation can raise money to help provide farmers with practical support so that they can get as much from their land as possible. Sometimes that means giving farmers the training and materials to dig a shallow well, enabling them to grow vegetables in even the driest conditions. Or showing farmers which seeds are best suited to their land, as well as easy ways to make the best use of limited rainfall and improve the quality of the soil. There are lots of resources online at [www.farmafrica.org.uk/givepovertytheboot](http://www.farmafrica.org.uk/givepovertytheboot).

### **Famine Crisis in Kenya**

Due to the ongoing drought, the famine is spreading to all parts of Kenya as food prices rocket. The situation has reached unparalleled heights since there has been no harvesting in the last two seasons, the vegetation is gone, rivers have dried up, animals are dying and many communities are on the verge of starvation. The rain season is now late and even if it rains people will still need food, medical services, clothing and other facilities. If you would like to help to fund a famine relief project, send cheques to Pamoja, PO Box 341, Eastleigh, Hants SO53 2RJ or give via Charity Choice [www.charitychoice.co.uk/donation.asp?ref=155183](http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/donation.asp?ref=155183) [www.pamoja.org.uk](http://www.pamoja.org.uk) Charity No: 1085466

## **The Big Society in Scotland**

Public services, mutual models and the third sector. A one day conference in Edinburgh, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October Keynote Speaker - Lord Wei, Government Adviser for Big Society

This conference will examine the Westminster Government's Big Society objectives of promoting social action and empowering communities and will ask whether this can work in Scotland. The Prime Minister wants The Big Society to give citizens, communities and local government the power and information they need to come together, solve the problems they face and build the country they want. Supporting the transfer of central and local government decisions and responsibilities to local communities, a Big Society Bank will provide finance for neighbourhood groups, charities, social enterprises and other non-governmental bodies. Critics say it is a smokescreen to lessen the impact of the public spending austerity drive, but given the effect this will have in Scotland, does the Big Society offer a genuine opportunity for doing the same – or more – at lower cost while empowering local communities? Is there a new role for the third sector and private sector in Scotland? Should the Scottish and UK Governments work to develop appropriate models for a Big Society strategy for Scotland, enabling Scottish communities to benefit from the Big Society Bank? Does Scotland already have the right balance between public provision, private innovation and third sector support to make the Prime Minister's crusade unnecessary here? For further information contact Lesley on 0131 202 9816 or email to [lmcclelland@mackayhannah.com](mailto:lmcclelland@mackayhannah.com)

## **Working with Children in the Church Community – Bringing About Change October 29<sup>th</sup>**

International Christian College, Glasgow. Speakers from a range of churches will talk about their work and changes they have sought to make their work more effective. There will also be workshops to help equip those attending to make changes in their own situations. Further details will follow.

## **Tunisia: living with revolution**

Conversation with Bishop Bill Musk, Assistant Bishop for Egypt Diocese, based in Tunis, who stayed on throughout events in Tunisia is available from the **Church Mission Society**, an Anglican-based mission community, founded in 1799 in the crucible of the campaign to abolish slavery. Read the whole interview at [www.cms-uk.org/news](http://www.cms-uk.org/news)

## **Inter-Church Relations Committee Thanks for Responses.**

The Inter-Church Relations Committee (ICRC) sought the assistance of the wider church in compiling a list of Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) congregations who participate, either informally or formally, in the sharing of their premises, either the church (sanctuary) itself or the church hall, with other denominations or people of other faith traditions. The results of this research will help the ICRC gauge the level of ecumenical engagement within the SEC as often such engagement is unknown and thus unrecognized or acknowledged. The information received will be very useful to provide models for local ecumenical engagement throughout the SEC. Many thanks to all of you who responded to the questionnaire. Elspeth Davey, Church Relations Officer

## **Protection of the Vulnerable**

It would be very helpful to the Protection of the Vulnerable Team if each charge could provide a list of those who undertake regulated work within the church and when they were last Disclosed. This will enable the Team to arrange a programme for future PVG applications. A letter to this effect will be wending its way to each charge very soon.

## **Primus's Synod Charge Available in Video**

The Primus's Charge given to the 2011 General Synod is now available online on the [inspires website](http://www.inspires.org.uk). Although a pdf text was published at the time of the synod, the video is worth watching for several expanded sections, particularly for regarding the new political reality that Scotland faces and also regarding the Anglican Covenant.

## **Mothers Union General Meeting in June**

The details of the sermons preached by the Most Rev David Chillingworth and the Rt Rev Dr Bob Gillies at the services of celebration during the MU General Meeting are available on the MU website: <http://www.muscotland.org.uk/GenMtg2011.htm>

<p><b>The September Newsletter</b> (Please remember to send information to the <b>Diocesan Office</b>) – material to be received by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011</p>
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## **Diocesan August Diary**

*Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August* – Island Retreats Ltd Board Meeting

*Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> August* – Diocesan Board of Mission & Ministry

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