

Diocesan Newsletter

for

Argyll and The Isles

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Dear Friends,

I hope you are making the most of the summer. I am trying to, so you might find the Office less occupied than during the rainy season!

Please note that a group on Iona followed a York Course so Ben Cooke, Warden of Bishop's House, Iona recommends them (see below).

Alastair Chisholm has put together another amazing summer of music (see below). Perhaps you could combine a visit to Millport with one of the retreats on offer?

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 Commissary for our diocese, this follows the Episcopal election entering a new phase. The Commissary 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 saw his Consultant on 22nd June, and after examination, she said that at that point there was "no evidence of a tumour". His next appointment will be six weeks later, when he will be given a scan. His voice is improving and he expects to return to work, if only on a part time basis, later in July. 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.

News from Zanzibar

"Dear Rev. Bishop Douglas Cameron and Mother Pat Cameron.

We are very happy to tell you that last Saturday we was graduate in our study at our university of st. John University under st. Mark's training centre, we was celebrate our graduation ,the guest of honour was chief judge of the appeal court of Tanzania Mr Madia, he gives our diploma documents under our director prof, chiteji and all our teachers of our University of st. John ,st. Mark's training centre. We thanks God for that event in our life ,that day is very important in our life and in our ministry. we thanks you Rev. Bishop and your beloved wife Mother Pat and all the congregation of your diocese especial your Bishop all priests and workers of your Diocese of Argyll God bless all of you. Now we closed our college up to November 1 2010. but me I can't retun in the college ,I get the new station of work Pemba I will report there on September 1.

Now I and my family we stay at Dar -as-salaam up to July, 20, 2010. we are waiting for you at you visitor to us.

I have no more to day. Yours sons and Daughters Rev. Stephen, and Victoria Kamwendo and Hilda Robert.

God bless you. We are thinking about you. "

"We will be seeing them on the week end of 17th/18th July in Dar es Salam at the beginning of our journey across Africa to Cape town (postponed last year because of my hospital emergency) Stephen has been helped in his 3 years of study by SEC, Mull, Ros Jones & others - as well as his former parishes of Mahonda and Mbweni. Pemba is the other large island which makes up Zanzibar. Our love,Douglas"

[This Diocese has contributed to the costs of study for Rev Stephen Kamwendo and particularly remembers him on the 10th of the month within our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer (available on line or from the Office) We remember St John the Baptist church on Pemba Island on the 15th day of each month.]

Diocesan Lent Appeal Thanks to all those who have contributed so far to the Diocesan Lent Appeal. To date we have raised just under £1500 including Gift Aid. The final amount will go to help projects in our companion Diocese of Zanzibar. It would be helpful if those charges still wishing to contribute could do so as soon as possible.

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 Retreats – 3 nights:

Friday 23 to Monday 26 July 2010

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

Saturday 10 to Saturday 18 July 2010 (7 nights) for individuals.

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.

Scottish Churches House

Open Seminar Day **3 July 2010 - 9:00am - 6:00pm**

Open Seminar Day **8 July 2010 - 9:00am - 6:00pm**

SCH 50th Birthday Party **17 July 2010 - 12:00pm - 5:30pm**

RSCM Dunblane Singing Break **19 July 2010 - 10:00am - 22 July 2010 - 5:00pm**

Individually Guided Retreat **23 July 2010 - 6:30pm - 1 August 2010 - 4**

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

A letter to the Dean from Mrs Ann Glenesk, Mothers Union Diocesan President, Glasgow and Galloway

Dear Dean,

The Interfaith Group on Domestic Abuse is planning an exhibition, which will be available for showing in all faith communities, throughout Scotland to highlight the issue of domestic abuse. All representatives of the Interfaith group have been asked to approach the spiritual leaders of their faith/denomination to request a contribution for the exhibition. I represent the Scottish Episcopal Church on the group and will notify you of details of the launch of the exhibition once they are confirmed.

The contribution requested is a short caption (no more than 40-50 words) stating how faith influences thoughts on domestic abuse. The caption should be accompanied by a pair of shoes (female or male) symbolising the path trod by all involved.

If you wish to contribute please send caption and shoes to Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G1 2DH by **9th July**.

Thank you in anticipation, *Ann Glenesk*, Member of Interfaith Group on Domestic Abuse

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 **4 July** Irish flautist Aisling Agnew & Polish pianist Mira Opalinska will perform a beautifully varied programme of flute and piano pieces from the Baroque to the Contemporary. Their concert will feature music by J.S Bach, Jules Mouquet and Ian Clarke and will also mark the special anniversary years of both Samuel Barber and Frédéric Chopin.

Sunday **11 July** Classical Guitar Retreat is delighted to welcome David Russell back to Scotland to give his first recital here for well over a decade. World renowned for his superb musicianship and inspired artistry, David has earned the highest praise from audiences and critics alike. In recognition of his great talent and international career, he was named a Fellow of The Royal Academy of Music in London in 1997 and won a prestigious Grammy Award in 2005.

Sunday **18 July** Winnie Soutter (soprano) Alastair Chisholm (piano) An attractive recital of songs by Purcell, Poulenc and Rodrigo in addition to Schumann's cycle *Frauenliebe und Leben*

Sunday **25 July** John Kitchen (organ) A lively and colourful Recital by one of our foremost musicians – John Kitchen – organist to the City of Edinburgh.

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)

Other Events

Saturday **3rd July** and Sunday **4th July** at 5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

Thursday **8 July** at 8.00 p.m. Matthew McAllister and the Frevo Quartet

Matthew McAllister (guitar) Aisling Agnew (flautist) Feargus Hetherington (violinist) Douglas Whates (bassist)

Festival Director Matthew McAllister opens the concert series with a recital of solo and chamber music for guitar. As is now Classical Guitar Retreat

tradition, Matthew will be joined by members of Frevo Quartet for the opening night concert.

Friday **9 July** at 8.00 p.m. Music for Theorbo, Lute, Baroque Guitar and Vihuela Leading Scottish Lutenist James Akers will perform a recital of music for four early instruments from the family of the guitar, which will sound spectacular in the Cathedral acoustic. James will also be performing repertoire from his most recent recording 'Thesaurus Harmonicus'. Part of the Classical Guitar retreat.

Saturday **10 July** at 3.00 p.m. Faculty Concert Allan Neave directs and performs in the CGR Faculty Concert which features a variety of solo, duo and trio performances from the wonderful group of teachers at Classical Guitar Retreat. The Classical Guitar Retreat Faculty Concert will be home to some very interesting collaborations interwoven with a selection of solo works performed by Allan
Sunday **11 July** at 8.00 p.m. Classical Guitar Retreat Student Concert Orchestra

It's the turn of the students to take to the stage under the watchful gaze of Peter Stewart. Performances from the Classical Guitar Retreat Guitar Orchestra, budding soloists and newly formed ensembles are all expected!

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**.

Ordination on Iona

Rev Joyce Watson is to be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday **11th September** at Bishops House Iona. Please pray for Joyce and the people she will continue to serve. More details will follow.

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.

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)

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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.

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

Since last week, 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

Window Dedication

On Tuesday 22nd June, the Most Rev'd David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church dedicated the new chapel windows at Bishop House on the Isle of Iona. The windows have been gifted by the Friends of Bishop's House and designed by glass artist Anita Pate. Please see Argyll and the Isles magazine for full article and pictures

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, SY11QU.

Scotland4Peace

2010 is a crucial year for an international commitment to a world free of nuclear weapons. Please consider signing the Now is the Time petition proposed by a coalition of UK churches. See <http://www.methodist.org.uk/static/npt/petition.htm> (you may need to copy and paste this link into your browser).

David Mumford (The Very Rev), St. Andrew's Rectory, 9, Castle Street, Brechin DD9 6JW (SEC Church in Society Committee representative on Scotland4Peace

Jobs and events can be seen at Scottish Christian.com 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

<p>The August Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the Diocesan Office) – material to be received by Monday 26th July 2010</p>

Diocesan July Diary

Sunday, 4th July – Bishop Mark at St Columba, Gruline

Tuesday, 6th July – Finance Committee

Tuesday, 6th July – IRL Board

Sunday, 11th July – Bishop Mark at St Columba, Gruline

Tuesday, 13th July – Standing Committee

Tuesday, 13th July – Diocesan Board of Mission & Ministry

Sunday, 18th July – Bishop Mark at St John's Cathedral