

Diocesan Newsletter

for

Argyll and The Isles

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Dear Friends,
We are delighted to welcome Rev Andrew Swift and his family to the Diocese. The pilgrims to Oberammergau seem to have an awe inspiring time and we look forward to hearing from them in the next issue of Argyll and the Isles.

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 has completed his planned hospital treatment in Edinburgh and is now back at home in Oban, under the supervision of the local Health Centre and in weekly contact with his Consultant in Edinburgh. 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.

Update on the Episcopal Election

The Electoral Synod met on Thursday, 13th May 2010 and adjourned after discussion. The result of this is that the right of election will lapse to the Episcopal Synod, as provided in Canon 4 of the Church's Code of Canons.

If anyone left two books behind at the Electoral Synod, please contact the Diocesan Office.

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 afternoon and departing after lunch on Thursday. The cost will be £150 (based on a group of 10). As you know, David Todd is the new warden and reports of the current cuisine are excellent so we look forward to being fed bodily as well as spiritually. Bookings should be made direct with The College. If you want to be sure of a place, contact David on 01475 530353. Financial help will be available from the Diocese if necessary.

'Using the Bible'

The participants in the York St John's Christian Studies course are tackling the challenge with enthusiasm using a mix of 'real' meetings, phone conferencing and online forum. Others interested in undertaking this module, 'Using the Bible', may have an opportunity in the autumn. Contact Alison if you'd like to know more. Phone 01700 500489;

email info@wordsinaction.net Alison Clark,
Diocesan Learning & Development Officer

The Cathedral of the Isles, Cumbrae

Visit the Cathedral of the Isles at Easter through the eyes of a visitor on her blog at <http://scotland4thesenses.blogspot.com/2010/04/aster-sunday-at-britains-smallest.html>

The College of the Holy Spirit, Cumbrae

Future events include:

Retreat: Exploring Themes in *The Cloud of Unknowing*
Friday 17th – 19th September The retreat offers an opportunity for reflection, to deepen our understanding of contemplative prayer and develop its practice.

This workshop is suitable for both lay and ordained.
Diocesan Retreat (see separate article)

Monday 1st – 4th November

Contact 01475 530353 Cathedral_Cumbrae@btconnect.com; www.island-retreats.org

Scottish Churches House

Affirmation Scotland Retreat - Affirming Worship

4 June 2010 - 6:00pm - 6 June 2010 - 2:00pm

Individually Guided Retreat with Epiphany Group

18 June 2010 – 5.15pm - 25 June 2010 – 2.15pm

Visions for the Future: International

Theological Summer School

26 June 2010 – 9.00am - 9 July 2010 – 4.00pm

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.

Provincial Youth Camp, August 2010

Young people associated with the Scottish Episcopal Church are welcome to apply for a place on one of the two weeks of Glen 10. Applications should be received by **June 7th**. Forms can be downloaded from the Provincial website www.scotland.anglican.org or hard copies can be supplied by the Diocesan Office. Please encourage young folk to apply for this life-changing experience.

Gifford Lectures 2010 – Professor Gianni Vattimo, Professor of Philosophy, Turin University “The End of Reality”

Mon 7 June Tarski and the quotation marks of His principle

Alfred Tarski argued that truth is indefinable. Yet truth in language, the kind of truth that perplexed Tarski, may be grounded in a more basic notion of

truth explored by European thinkers. Vattimo explores the question of the relationship between human existence, language and truth.

Tues 8 June

Beyond Phenomenology

Wed 8 June

Being and Event

Thurs 10 June

The Ethical Dissolution of Reality

Followed by drinks reception

All lectures will take place at the Western Infirmary Lecture Theatre (WILT), off University Place, Glasgow. Lectures start 18:00 (doors open 17:30) Free and open to the public. For further information contact Angela Hair, Development and Alumni Office, Email: A.Hair@admin.gla.ac.uk, Tel: 0141 330 3593

RSCM Scotland

Wednesday, **9th June** Meet, Eat & Sing led by Alistair Warwick and Jamie Brand at 19.00, St John's Church, Dumfries. Contact Jamiebrandjr@alb.dumgal.org.uk

ACTS A Quiet Day for Scotland 14th June at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. The remit of this group is to encourage local churches to work ecumenically in offering an opportunity to the local communities throughout Scotland to come together in a time of quiet reflection and/or prayer. Further information or to book a place call Shona Paterson on 01259 222362

The latest issue of the ACTS newsletter is now available from the ACTS website www.acts-scotland.org. If anyone would like a copy by post or would like to be added to the mailing list, removed from the mailing list, or would like to include something for the next issue, please be in touch. Direct: 01259 222361; Mobile: 07527 433460; lindseysanderson@acts-scotland.org; www.acts-scotland.org

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/>. Note that the deadline for ordering materials from the Back to Church Sunday organisation is **15th June**.

Krishna Das Kirtan ("The Chant Master of American Yoga") Workshop

Tuesday 15 June St John's Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh.

Kirtan Workshop: 7pm-10pm; Doors open: 6.15pm-7pm

Cost: £30. (No children under 12 admitted).

For a Registration Form:

<http://www.eicsp.org/downloads-org/category/162-krishna-das-visit-workshop-registration-form> Contact: Neill Walker, mesp2010@hotmail.co.uk, 0131 331 4469.

Wednesday 16 June St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh. Kirtan: 7.15pm-10pm; Doors open: 6.15pm-7.15pm.

Cost: £16. (Children under 12, accompanied by a responsible adult, admitted for free) Booking

Hotline: Tickets Scotland Ltd, 127 Rose Street, Edinburgh. 0131 220 3234. <http://www.tickets-scotland.com/> 9am-6pm (8pm Thursday), 11am-6pm Sundays.

Organised by Neill Walker and Krishna Das Music in association with the Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace, EICSP, Scottish Charity, SC038996.

Bishop's House, Iona - June 22nd

Dedication of New Windows. The Primus will be dedicating the beautiful new etched windows in St Columba's Chapel within Bishop's House, Iona. There are no places available to stay within the house but the timing is such that it will be possible to commute from Oban for the day. The service is to be at 3pm followed by tea and coffee. The windows artist is Anita Pate, see: www.anitapate.com

Argyll and The Isles Magazine

Now that a number of issues have been produced, the editor would like some feedback. Any comments to the address below. Deadlines for the Issue 95 are **22nd June** for articles, letters etc and **29th June** for Parish News Items. Please e-mail Rev Ken Skipper on kgschurch@googlemail.com. Please remember to send pictures in jpeg format so that they can be edited if necessary.

APSE (Association of Pastoral Supervisors & Educators) Annual Conference 2010 Supervising with Spirit 24th June Nottingham Gateway Hotel. Keynote speaker: Robin Shoet. Further information and to book Rev Martin Kerry APSE Treasurer, 3 Forester Rd, Nottingham NG3 6LP conference@pastoral-supervision.org.uk ; www.pastoralsupervision.org.uk

Solas 25th 27th June, Wiston Lodge, Biggar An all-age weekend to light up the Scottish festival landscape with a vivid mix of music, debate, theatre, comedy, film and visual art. Solas works from within the Christian tradition to try to create a new cultural space in Scotland. www.solasfestival.co.uk

Godly Play -

"Going further into Godly Play" June 28 - 30 Birmingham

Part retreat and part course, this is a residential 2 day conference for experienced Godly Play people, going deeper into the stories, putting the core stories and the newer volume 6 stories together, giving space for participants to learn/tell new stories if they wish, and also have general question and discussion time.

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.

Mission Offered

Accommodation required for a group of between 12 and 15 that want to come to Scotland from **July 16 - 31, 2010**.

They would be looking for the following possibilities:

1. Spiritual formation
 2. Volunteer work in mission at or near the retreat centre
 3. Help with resources like car rentals.
- Rev. Tom Clark www.wvvolunteersinmission.com/
304.206.8257

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

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.

The Afternow Project - What's next for the health of society? Hi folks - my background is in public health. If you have half an hour to spare this is a good series of short video clips which have an interesting conclusion in compassion and love as part of the answer. Phil Hanlon was one of my lecturers and if you ever get a chance to hear him speak it would be worthwhile. <http://www.afternow.co.uk/> Elaine C Garman elainegarman@aol.com

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%.

Scottish Churches Housing Action

Supported lodgings – helping young people at risk! Congregations are being asked to hold a special retiring collection, sponsored walk, coffee morning or other event to raise money for this appeal. 0131 477 4500; info@churches-housing.org; www.churches-housing.org

International Anglican Family Network

Promoting front line Family Care throughout the Anglican Communion. The IAFN is an Anglican forum for the exchange of information about challenges facing families in different countries and contexts and the practical work being undertaken by churches and individual Christians. See www.iafn.net or ring 07948 332697 for further information and how to receive the newsletters electronically or in the printed version.

ACET in Action

ACET (AIDS Care Education and Training) teams in three countries are answering the call to compassionate care for those infected and affected with HIV and AIDS. Contact 020 8568 7770; enquiries@acet-international.org; www.acet-international.org

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 July Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the **Diocesan Office**) – material to be received by Monday 28th June 2010

Diocesan June Diary

Saturday, 5th June – Services of Introduction of Rev Andrew Swift
Thursday 10th June - Saturday 12th June - General Synod

Tuesday 22nd June – Dedication of New Windows,
Bishop's House, Iona