

Diocesan Newsletter

for
Argyll and The Isles
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Dear Friends,

I hope you have all survived the recent storms and are not too inconvenienced by the ash cloud! I hope the weather will improve as our Bishop sets off on his tour of the Outer Isles!

We wish our representatives at General Synod a worthwhile experience and look forward to hearing from them later.

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Communications

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The Dean's health is still improving. As the swelling has reduced, he has had a smaller valve inserted. He visits his Speech Therapist regularly and sees his consultant at the end of the month.

Office Hours

Sue and Audrey are 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.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Donations to the Bishop's Lent appeal will be gratefully received at the Diocesan Office as soon as possible.

ISLAND RETREATS

Bishop's House, Iona

Video footage from Bishops House can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/user/BishopsHouse#p>

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)

Island Breaks

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

July-Sept - Music for a Summer Afternoon

Every Sunday afternoon throughout July, August & September at 3pm. The July programme includes David Hamilton, organ; Ana Vidovic, guitar; Marilyn de Blicck, soprano and Kenneth Dunsmuir, piano; Calum Robertson, organ; Angela Brownridge, piano

Thursday 7th - Monday 11th July - Classical

Guitar Retreat

Residential participation fully booked but to register an interest for non-residential participation or possible cancellations, contact Matthew McAllister (info@cgetreat.com)

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd July - Open Retreat

Come as an individual, a couple or small group and be part of a retreat led by the Warden. Adjust your pace of life to a few days of saying Daily Office, Midday Eucharist, a daily devotional address, lots of time for reflection and recreation and good home-cooking

Wednesday 27th - Saturday 30th July - Music

Retreat - Piano Partnership

Richard Black and Alastair Chisholm lead an exploration of the repertoire for piano duet and two pianos, ranging from Mozart to Rachmaninoff, culminating in a public performance on Friday evening

Saturday 30th July - Cathedral Open Day

2pm - 5pm Friends' Lunch in the Refectory from 12.30pm. Please e-mail or telephone the College to reserve a place. There will be a raffle, tombola, baking, bric a brac and other stalls. Donations for the raffle and tombola can be brought to the Cathedral in advance and baking on the day. There will be tours of the Cathedral and College, a display of Cathedral vestments and music in the Cathedral and outside.

Download Information Sheet and Booking Forms on www.island-retreats.org or contact The Warden email cathedral_cumbrae@btconnect.com or telephone 01475 530353

**Diocesan Retreat –
Compassion, Companionship, Communion**

Cathedral of the Isles,

31st October - 3rd November 2011

Attitudes to food, fasting and feasting examined through scripture, literature, film and silence, guided by Anne Tomlinson, Ministry Development Officer, Glasgow and Galloway

A chance to spend time in company with others from the Diocese and with God, largely in silence, thinking about Christian attitudes to the sharing of food. There will be several talks during the four days, time both to reflect upon them in silence and to discuss them with others, ample space for walking peacefully along the shore or around the island - and all this will be woven through by times of personal prayer and frequent acts of corporate worship in the Cathedral of the Isles.

Perhaps you haven't been on retreat before? Do think about coming along. There will be a gentle lead-in to the silence, and support available throughout. Speak to Alison Clark if you would like more information: 01700 500489 alison@wordsinaction.net Bookings to be made directly with The College, Cumbrae. 01475 530353; Cathedral_Cumbrae@btconnect.com

New Bishop Elected for Brechin

The Venerable Dr Nigel Peyton has been elected as the new Bishop of Brechin. Nigel Peyton is currently Archdeacon of Newark, Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham. The Diocese of Brechin became vacant in October 2010 following the early retirement of the late Rt Rev Dr John Mantle, who had served the Diocese of Brechin since 2005.

A service of consecration and installation of the new bishop will take place in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee. Details of this service will be available at a later date.

St John's Bible Study group Next meetings: **June 8th, 22nd, July 13th, 27th**

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 the book of Malachi. All are welcome to come and join in. Tea & coffee supplied, but please bring a packed lunch. Any queries, please contact Joan Kemp, tel: 01631 566963, email: joan.kemp@cantab.net

General Synod 2011 - 9th-11th June Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh.

Visitors are welcome to sit in the public gallery. The proceedings of Synod can be followed online through a live audio feed and regular updates on the

Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) website (www.scotland.anglican.org) and through Twitter (Follow @secsynod and use the #pisky hashtag). Synod papers will shortly be available on the SEC website

Mothers' Union General Meeting Usher Hall, Edinburgh on **9th June**

Prof. Tanya Byron, whose clinical work with children, young people and their families has enjoyed wide coverage in the media is to be the keynote speaker. The event is the General Meeting of the Mothers' Union, the largest lay mission organisation within the Anglican Church. Some 2,000 people are expected to attend to hear Prof. Byron, and to learn more about the showcase community development projects carried out by the charities 4 million members worldwide.

Scottish President of Mothers' Union, Hilary Moran said "It is a great honour to host the General Meeting in Edinburgh". Also speaking at the meeting will be Mothers' Union Chief Executive, Reg Bailey, who has headed up the independent inquiry on the Commercialisation and Sexualisation of Children for the Government, the Recommendations of which will be published just in time for the meeting. Some tickets for the event are still available, and are on sale from the Usher Hall Box office, www.usherhall.co.uk priced £7.50. The Province of Scotland is organizing a service of celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral the evening before, which is now full, but there are seats for our additional service of celebration on **Wednesday 8th June** at 7.30pm St. John's Scottish Episcopal Church, Princes Street. For an application form see the website www.muscotland.org.uk.

Godly Play

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

11 June – Going Deeper: Storytelling 10.00 - 4.00 (coffee from 9.45) St James the Great SEC, Harviestoun Road, Dollar FK14 7HF Please bring your own lunch. This is a day for people who are already using Godly Play, and who would like to explore the approach to Storytelling in a bit more depth. The event has been requested by the host church, but is open to everyone interested, and should be a really inspiring day. Alex Mackenzie will be leading this event, and because it is a follow up from her training as a Godly Play Trainer, there is no cost. Please register with the address below but if you have any questions about the day, contact Alex directly on alex@godlyplayscotland.co.uk - she will be pleased to advise.

18 June – Discovery Day, St Andrews 10.00 - 4.00 (coffee from 9.45) St Andrews Episcopal Church, Queens Gardens, St Andrews KY16 9QF *Cost: £10* to include soup and bread lunch. The Discovery Days are proving to be an inspiring stepping stone for people as they experience and find out more about Godly Play.

Thursday **16 June**, 7.30 - 9.00 (-ish...) Godly Play Centre, Duddingston, Edinburgh EH15 3PX A Very Special Godly Play Circle We want to have a birthday party representing the many churches and organisations for which Godly Play is a wonderful resource for exploring our common faith. We have invited guests from all of these, and of course we'd love to have you there too. If you're near enough, we'll be pleased to see you. We'll be having a Story, followed by (weather permitting) a "Summer Pilgrimage" in the lovely gardens of Duddingston Kirk, and finishing off, of course, with birthday cake and chat! As this is a special occasion, there may be more of us than usual, so please RSVP by June 9. We look forward to seeing you! Contact: Godly Play Scotland Duddingston Kirk Manse, Old Church Lane, Edinburgh EH15 3PX Tel: 07957 885930 e-mail: admin@godlyplayscotland.co.uk

Adult Protection in Scotland – Emerging Themes and Challenges

A one day conference, Friday **17th June**, King James Thistle hotel, Edinburgh

This event is a follow up to the 'Working Together to Protect Adults at Risk' conference which was held in March 2010. The conference will allow delegates to: Share understanding of the future challenges for supporting and protecting 'adults at risk' in Scotland; Examine specific 'case studies' through workshops; Consider the work of Adult Protection Committees and the value of Significant Case Reviews; Hear from professionals and practitioners whose work includes Adult Protection. Further details: Full agenda, delegate rates, booking forms and venue information can be found on www.mackayhannah.com or alternatively contact Gail on 0131 556 1500

God, Belief and Miracle - A Conference to Celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the Birth of the Philosopher David Hume Saturday **18 June** 2011 10.30-3.30.

The programme will include group discussion, plenaries and input from the following speakers: Introduction "18th Century Edinburgh" The Right Rev Brian Smith, Bishop of Edinburgh; "Hume and Arguing about God" The Right Rev Brian Smith; "Scepticism and Belief in Hume" The Rev Dr Harriet Harris Chaplain to the University of Edinburgh; "Have there been any Miracles since

Hume?" The Rev Canon Dr Mark Harris Vice-Provost, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Further information from Elspeth Strachan, Adventures in Faith, Edinburgh Diocesan Centre, 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org Tel 0131 538 7033

The Scottish Churches Organist Training Scheme Training Days - **June 18th** Elgin; **September 24th** Cupar; **November 19th** 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

Solas Festival 2011: The Long Light

Affectionately known as Greenbelt's little sister, Solas Festival, is running for its second year in Wiston, South Lanarkshire on the **24th-26th June** this year. Join us on our beautiful rural site on the weekend closest to the Summer Solstice, when the sun barely sets.

The full programme is available on the website: www.solasfestival.co.uk, but here's a list of some of the artists, to whet your appetite. Music from Emma Pollock, Iain Archer, The Campbells, Stanley Odd, Michael Marra, Emily Smith, The Wild Myrtles, The Starlets, Alex Cornish, RURA, Rory Butler. They've got Indie, Folk, Classical, Gospel, World, Trad and more...

Talks ranging across economics & justice, peace & reconciliation, faith and culture - with Gerry Hassan (Scottish political commentator), Kathy Galloway (Director, Christian Aid Scotland), Pete Ward (theologian, on liquid church and celebrity culture), Sol Oyuela and David McNair (Christian Aid's senior advisors on climate and economic justice), Sister Karen D'Artois (spiritual accompaniment), Alison Phipps (peacemaking); plus Fr Willy Slavin and Ian Adams.

Literature & Poetry featuring Nick Thorpe, Beatrice Collin, Sue Mayfield and Poetry Slam Champion Harry Baker.

Film with Alan Greenspan (producer of Donnie Brasco) and Andrea Calderwood (producer of The Last King of Scotland).

Integrated programmes for Children & Young People with Fischy Music, plays by Eco-Drama and STaG, storytellers Mara Menzies & Gerry Durkin, author Matthew Fitt, graffiti walls, film-making,

protest workshop, street-dance, rugby drop-in and much more...

Church Action on Poverty - Co-Operatives Fortnight 25th June-9th July

You are asked to make a pledge to close the gap between rich and poor. *Give* at least £2 a month to fund grassroots projects; *Act* by pledging to take part in email actions to put pressure on those in power; *Pray* you could receive monthly prayer points and requests. Contact 01610236 9321 or info@church-poverty.org.uk or visit www.church-poverty.org.uk.

Beyond Violence Saturday 2nd July Glencruitten House, Oban

An interactive workshop introducing Narrative Counselling. Dr Brigid Hess is a Narrative and Pastoral Therapist and Social Worker whose work has taken her to seek healing through deep participation with victims and perpetrators of violence in South Africa and Zimbabwe. When people are acknowledged for their abilities, competencies and their skills at survival, they begin to re-author their lives. This workshop is for anyone with an interest in healing, whether experienced or not; including: Social Workers, Counsellors, Pastoral Care Workers, Community Workers, Carers, Nurses, Doctors & Teachers. Contact Dr Brigid Hess 01631 710078; 07854 658204

The Mission to Seafarers – Sea Sunday

Sunday 10th July This year has been designated by the United Nations International Maritime Organization as “Piracy: Orchestrating the Response”. One of the major aims is “to work with all involved in the provision of social care and humanitarian support to ensure that they can deliver their services expeditiously to those attacked or hijacked by pirates and to their families”. You are asked to pray for seafarers and their families and to support the work of port chaplains, staff and volunteers around the world. A Sea Sunday pack will soon be available from www.seasunday.org. This will include sermon notes, prayers and children’s material.

Justice & Peace Conference 15th-17th July Justice at Work – a place of fulfilment and growth?

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

Exploring the dignity and reality of contemporary work both globally and locally, the conference will seek to raise awareness of working conditions in the context of today’s economy and modern society. It will do this from a Christian perspective. Contact: National Justice & Peace Network, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX; Tel: 020 7901 4864 e-

mail: admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk www. justice-and-peace.org.uk

Scottish Episcopal Church Youth Weeks –

Glen 11 Sunday 31st July-Saturday 6th August and Sunday 7th **August**-Saturday 13th August

Young people and leaders from all over Scotland gather together for sports, swimming, arts and crafts, fun events, worship and conversation. This is an action packed holiday with a difference. Plenty of time to relax and make friends. Anyone in secondary education and those under 18 who have left full time education. Each delegate is sponsored by their local SEC congregation. If you know of anyone interested, please contact Sue in the office in the first instance. It is suggested that each person pays £110 and that the local church vestry pays £90 but the Diocese can help with costs if necessary.

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 or telephone 0207 485 3003.

The Big Society in Scotland

Public services, mutual models and the third sector. A one day conference in Edinburgh on Friday 28th

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

Scottish Churches House - Statement from Action of Churches Together in Scotland

At a members 'meeting of Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS), held on 11th May 2011, the Members supported the following resolution:

"that the trustees defer acceptance of any bid for the future occupation or use of Scottish Churches House until there has been opportunity for further consultation with the member churches of ACTS regarding the future of Scottish Churches House (SCH)."

It was agreed to hold a special members meeting on **15 June 2011**. The decision of the trustees (10th January 2011) to cease the current business operation of SCH on 15th July 2011 stands.

ACTS trustees thank all those who are continuing to pray for Scottish Churches House and for the future of the ecumenical movement in Scotland.

Position as Organist Required

Greetings. My name is Luca Sartore. I'm italian organist and harpsichordist. I'm 23 and since 2008 I'm titular organist adn Kappel Meister of Teutonic Order in Bozen (Sud Tirol-Italy). Excuse me for my English...My dream is live in Scotland and I write to you because I'm in search of a job as organist in your beautiful country. I'm liturgical organist since

when I was 7 years old...before as an hobby and now as an unique job. I play specially ancient music, baroque and galante music. I'm a composer of electronic music and I play also electronical instruments (synthisezer and Laser Harp). I hope you can reply my question... I can come in Scotland to have some exams and tests. Luca Sartore [<mailto:luca.sartore1988@libero.it>]

Government and Farmers – An Unsafe Distance?

The challenges which face agriculture in Britain are evident to all: a reliable supply of nourishing food at an affordable price, safeguarding the rural environment and being prepared for the consequences of a changing climate. To meet these challenges it is vital for government and farmers to work as a team. In his publication *An Unsafe Distance*, Christopher Jones argues that the relationship between farmers and successive governments over the past twenty years has changed, materially for the worse and that facing challenges of today demands a fresh approach. Christopher Jones has experience of agricultural development in Africa and now farms in Northamptonshire. *An Unsafe Distance* is published by the Agricultural Theology Project, a joint venture of the Agricultural Christian Fellowship, the Church Mission Society and the John Ray Initiative. To obtain hard copies or pdf version contact Agricultural Christian Fellowship, Manor Farm, Guilsborough Road, West Haddon NN6 7AQ 01788 510800 cj@agriculturalchristianfellowship.org [uk](http://www.uk)

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 www.pamoja.org.uk Charity No: 1085466

International Anglican Family Network, one of the official Networks of the Anglican Communion

There is information about the Family Network on the website www.iafn.net IAFN publishes regular newsletters on issues which affect families such as

HIV/AIDS, Elderly People and the Family, Investing in Childhood and Violence and the Family. Contributors send in articles from all over the Communion and the publicity given by the newsletters to the work they are doing can be an encouragement both to them and to others. The newsletters are available on the website (see also www.anglicancommunion.org under Networks) and a number of **printed copies** are also available for those who would find them helpful but do not have easy access to the internet. If anyone working in Family or Development Ministry would like to receive the IAFN newsletters please contact Dr Sally Thompson (IAFN) [<mailto:mail@iafn.net>] Co-ordinator, International Anglican Family Network C/o St Andrew's House 16, Tavistock Crescent, London W11 1AP. ENGLAND

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

Proposed Criminalisation of the Purchase and Sale of Sex (Scotland) Bill

The Scottish Episcopal Church and The Mothers' Union have recently submitted a response to the Consultation Document for the Proposed Criminalisation of the Purchase and Sale of Sex (Scotland) Bill We would encourage congregations and individuals to write to their MSPs asking them to vote for it when it comes before parliament. The full response by the SEC can be sent to you by e-mailing Dr Jacqui Stoyles at jacci@stoylehome.freeerve.co.uk and the Bill can be accessed through www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/MembersBills/documents/20101122criminalisationofPurchaseofSex.pdf. Dr Stoyles is very happy to answer queries or give talks on this issue, and as she has said: "Glasgow has the highest number of prostitutes outside London and it is estimated that 50% of them are from overseas, which means they are likely to be trafficked women.... The statistics behind prostitution reveal that 75% of prostitutes started under the age of 18, 70% spent time in Care, 45% were sexually abused as children and 85% were physically abused as children. 75% of prostitutes have been raped or beaten by their pimps or by punters. Trafficked women are forced to serve up to 30 men a day and often are half-starved and regularly beaten to make them compliant. In 1999 Sweden passed a law to criminalise the buying of sex. It was revolutionary in that, for the first time,

the punter was brought into the public arena. It was highly successful. The number of women involved in prostitution and trafficking dropped significantly. Norway and Iceland soon followed suit. In countries where legalising prostitution has been considered the answer to the 'problem', the results have been catastrophic. Germany, Holland and New Zealand have done so; the consequence has been that demand has risen and women and girls have been trafficked in to fill the gap."

Protection of the Vulnerable

The system for checking the suitability of volunteers and employees for working with children or vulnerable adults has changed. There are some booklets on the subject for any interested parties. Please contact the Diocesan Office.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland has a wealth of information and resources including a section on Mission www.ctbi.org.uk

Youth and Children's Titles

Visit www.grovebooks.co.uk or 01223 46 47 48 to find books within the nine series – Biblical, Education, Ethics, Evangelism, Leadership, Pastoral, Spirituality, Worship and Youth

The July Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the **Diocesan Office**) – material to be received by Monday 27th June 2011

Diocesan June Diary

Thursday, 27th May – Thursday 2nd June – Bishop Kevin on Harris & Lewis
Sunday, 5th June – Bishop Kevin at St John's Cathedral
Wednesday, 8th June – Mothers' Union Rally, Edinburgh
Thursday, 9th – Saturday 11th June – General Synod
Saturday, 18th – Friday 24th June – Iona Friends' Week
Sunday, 19th June – Bishop Kevin on Skye
Tuesday, 21st June – Diocesan Finance Committee
Sunday, 26th June – Bishop Kevin at St John's Cathedral
Tuesday, 28th June – Diocesan Standing Committee
Sunday, 3rd July – Bishop Kevin on Arran