

Diocesan Newsletter

for

Argyll and The Isles

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Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a great Easter and were not too disrupted by the volcanic eruptions! I wish all those joining Bishop Martin on the Pilgrimage to Oberamergau have a marvellous experience and return ready to inspire the rest of us.

Following on from the book recommended last month, thanks to Elaine Garman for suggesting a number of short videos. See The Afternow Project below.

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. The Dean and Provost is now undergoing treatment. During this time, general enquiries should be made to the Diocesan Office (as above) and Parish calls to the Rev'd Ian Walter (01631 564855). The Dean will continue to answer e-mails and Barbara will accept personal calls on his behalf (0777 649 6487). Please avoid 11am-1pm as therapy will be taking place at this time.

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 Preparatory Committee has reviewed Questionnaires from a number of nominees but decided it did not wish to interview any of those who had been nominated. The Primus will be reporting on this situation to the Electoral Synod on May 13. The Electoral Synod will then decide how to proceed under the terms of Canon 4.

Diocesan Lent Appeal Thanks to all those who have contributed so far to the Diocesan Lent

Appeal. To date we have raised just under £650 including Gift Aid. The final amount will go to help projects in our companion Diocese of Zanzibar.

Scottish Churches House

Painting is Poetry - in Colour! Painting Days with John Butterfield

2 May 2010 - 5:00pm - 5 May 2010 - 2:00pm

Grasping Nettles: How Inclusive is our Faith?

5 May 2010 - 5:30pm - 9:00pm

Interfaith Sacred Stories

12 May 2010 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Healing Retreat: One Water, Many Streams - Spiritual Healing as a fruit of your Spiritual Practice

17 May 2010 - 1:00pm - 20 May 2010 - 2:00pm

Senior Citizens Spring Break

31 May 2010 - 4:00pm - 4 June 2010 - 10:30am
June 2010

Affirmation Scotland Retreat - Affirming Worship

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

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.

Diocesan Retreat

The College of the Holy Spirit, Cumbrae has been booked for the annual diocesan retreat. The dates are 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). The theme and retreat director will be announced in the next newsletter and on the website. 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'

There is still time to join the small but perfectly formed band that has just begun the 'Using the Bible' module of the York St John Christian Studies course. The group will run as a mix of face-to-face and virtual meetings, further dates still to be arranged.

The aim of the module is *to enable students to explore traditional and contemporary ways of reading biblical texts, using the tools of biblical scholarship.*

It is for any lay person whether or not they have responsibilities in their congregation. You can undertake this for your own interest or register for credit, which involves completing some assignments.

The way it works is that you do some reading and exercises between sessions and then share your learning with the group, guided by a learning facilitator. So it's not a 'taught' course but it is more of a group experience than a distance learning course.

Do get in touch with me 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:

Workshop on Eucharistic Presidency - **Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th May** led by Rev Canon Dr Nicholas Taylor. The workshop explores central biblical, theological and pastoral issues concerning the place of the Eucharist in the life of the Church.

Workshop on Authority and Anglicanism – **Monday 17th – Thursday 20th May**. Rev Canon Dr Nicholas Taylor examines how the three pillars of Scripture, Tradition and Reason are interpreted in today's search for Anglican Authority.

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.

The workshops are suitable for both lay and ordained.

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

Diocesan Lay Readers, Chaplains and Leaders Conference. 7th – 9th May 2010

Scottish Police College, Tulliallan.

All those involved in Lay Leadership in the SEC are invited to participate in this conference. Among the keynote speakers will be the Primus, +David Chillingworth and Dr Christina Baxter. For more information, email Brian Woodburn: brian.woodburn@homecall.co.uk 01556 610519

Godly Play - Wednesday May 12, 7.30 to 9.00

Edinburgh Godly Play Circle, Annan House, 10 Palmerston Place, EH12 5AA

Once again we will share time together hearing a story, wondering a little, perhaps trying it out for ourselves or just enjoying being together. Please join us if you can.

“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.

Protection of the Vulnerable – Co-ordinator Training

Friday, 14th May 10am-3pm at General Synod Office, Edinburgh This day will cover the role of the co-ordinator, responding to allegations and concerns and preparing for PVG (the new system soon to be introduced). To book, contact Leo Lanahan on 0131 225 6357 or protection@scotland.anglican.org

Scottish Churches' Disability Agenda Group – Disability Champions Project

The Scottish Churches' Disability Agenda Group (SCDAG) and Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS) are about to launch a year-long experiment into the benefits of asking congregations to appoint a Disability Champion. The intention isn't to start the programme with a training conference on Saturday, **12th June 2010**.

You are asked to consider whether there is someone in your congregation who has the interest, drive and ability to become a Disability Champion and who would be prepared to take part in this exciting experiment.

If you think there is such a person, will you, please, discuss this matter with the appropriate people in your Church and with the individual concerned and

then complete the nomination form and return it to as soon as possible and no later than 14th May? Nomination forms available from Diocesan Office or contacts below. If you, or a potential Champion, would like more information about the experiment, please contact Tom Moyes, Network Officer, ACTS tommoyes@acts-scotland.org 01259 222363 or W. Graham Monteith, Secretary, SCDAG 20/3 Grandfield, Trinity, EDINBURGH, EH6 4TL (wg.monteith@btinternet.com) **before May 14th 2010.**

Interfaith group on Domestic Abuse

Contributions are invited to an exhibition the Interfaith group on Domestic Abuse is planning. The exhibition will have 104 pairs of shoes representing the 2 women who die per week in the UK as a result of DA. (similar to the YWCA shoe exhibition) All faiths and denominations on the group are being invited to contribute to the exhibition, which will be made available for showings in faith community buildings. The contributions should include one pair of shoes (women or men's) with a caption which expresses how faith influences thoughts on Domestic abuse. The shoes (which will not be returned) must arrive by **20th May**. If you require further information please contact Ann Glenesk by email ann.glenesk@ntlworld.com Shoes with caption should be sent to the Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2DH

Fr Laurence Freeman, OC, OSB

Wednesday, 26th May, 2010 7.30pm St John's Episcopal Church, Princes St, Edinburgh EH2 4BJ Fr Laurence Freeman, a Benedictine monk of the Congregation of Monte Oliveto and Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. He has conducted dialogues and peace initiatives such as the Way of Peace with the Dalai Lama and is active in inter-religious dialogue as well as encouraging the teaching of Christian meditation and in the re-appropriation of the contemplative wisdom tradition in the Church and society at large. Book at Tickets Scotland Ltd, 127 Rose St, Edinburgh EH2 3DT; 0131 220 3234; www.tickets-scotland.com

Revised Standard Visions

Holy City 2009-10 seeks to explore the re-imagining and re-visioning of faith, our lives and our times through a series of events running from **October 2009 to May 2010** in Glasgow. This is organised by the Wild Goose Resource Group (of the Iona Community) in collaboration with an assortment of Glaswegians. Further information from www.holycity-glasgow.co.uk or 0141 332 6343.

RSCM Scotland

Sat 30th May Compline by Candlelight led by Patricia Lynch 17.45 St Peter's Church, Lutton Place, Edinburgh Service at 18.30 followed by refreshments. Contact Sheila@rscmscotland.org
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

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

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

Accommodation Wanted

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

We 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 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)

Faith in Politics

SEC's Church in Society Committee and the Scottish Churches' Parliamentary Office encourage congregations to engage with the issues and hold hustings. The guidance re holding a hustings is excellent. The material prepared for churches to help members engage with the issues for the next general Election, *Faith in Politics*, is very good. There will be a link to the CTBI material on the SEC website but at present it can be accessed at www.ctbi.org.uk/generalelection. The main downloads – the Faith in Politics (issues) document and the Planning a Hustings Meeting guidance – are available now, and the hustings registration system will be operational soon. The different sections of Faith in Politics will also be available shortly as web pages

ACTS newsletter

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

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

The June Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the **Diocesan Office**) – material to be received by Monday 24th May 2010

Diocesan May Diary

Monday 10th May - 2.00pm Standing Committee
Thursday 13th May - 10.30am Electoral Synod
Monday 24th May - 10.30am Diocesan Board of Mission & Ministry
Monday 24th May - 2.00pm Pre-General Synod Meeting