

**Diocesan Newsletter
for
Argyll and The Isles
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Dear Friends,
Congratulations to Rev Robert Breaden as he celebrates 50 years of ordination! At the other end of the scale, we wish Dr Geoff Headden well as he begins his ministry as a Lay Reader.

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**WORKING WITH
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**Godly Play Calendar –
Winter 2011**

**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

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

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

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

BIBLE STUDY

Diocesan Study Group

From now onwards, meetings of the Diocesan study group will be mainly by phone conference. **You can still join in.** All you need to do is contact Alison via the Diocesan Office or by email on alison@wordsinaction.net. The text is The Books of the New Testament by Ian Boxall. The group is a chaired discussion not a taught group. However we do have theological resources both in the group and as external support.

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 2:00pm. 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.

**Handing on the Torch—Sacred words for a secu-
lar world - Lent 2012**

Archbishop Sentamu, Clifford Longley and Rachel Lampard are among the distinguished contributors to the new Lent course CD from York Course. Dr David Hope introduces the course and Bishop Graham Cray provides thoughtful closing reflections on the CD. Canon Young has written the course booklet. Each of the 5 sessions offers a good selection of stimulating questions aimed at engaging every group member. Prices: CD taster pack (CD, booklet, transcript) £17.50

Booklet: £3.75 or £3.25 each for 5 or more

CD £10.99 or £8.99 each for 2 or more

Audiotape £8.99 or £6.99 for 5 or more

Transcript £4.99 or £2.99 each for 2 or more

At www.yorkcourses.co.uk you can listen to sound-clips and read samples.

MUSIC

ISLAND RETREATS

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

Music – Ancient and Modern

St Maura Enterprises announces a popular series of talks on music given by Alastair Chisholm, B Mus. At venues in Ayr, Bearsden, Largs, Millport and Rothesay. Lasting for two hours with a short interval, the talks, illustrated by recordings and at the piano, will explore a wide range of music, Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Modern, written for instruments and/or voices in solo, group or concerted form. Part 1. **October to December 2011** – An exploration of music from the time of Mozart and Haydn to that of Verdi and Tchaikovsky. Special attention will be paid to centenary composers Liszt and Mahler. For more details and an application form contact St Maura Enterprises, c/o The College, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae KA28 0HE, 07867 802481, mauraofcumbrae@googlemail.com

The Scottish Churches Organist Training Scheme Training Day **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

“Physis” Classical Organ Concert with Kevin Bowyer

Tuesday **8th November**, 7pm Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh

One of the world's top concert organists will be playing a new Viscount organ with the revolutionary “Physis” physical modelling organ technology. The concert will include music by Robin Richmond, Billy Mayerl, JF Wagner, Bach and Iain Farrington. Tickets are free but in order to manage numbers, please contact 0131 556 3005 or e-mail kerr@key-player.co.uk

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering in Faith: Obligation or Joy?

A day conference organised by the Church in Society Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church

Saturday 19th November at St Mary's Centre, Kinnoull, Perth 9.30am registration - 4pm

Providing an opportunity to explore this topic through keynote addresses and interactive and creative workshops on all aspects of volunteering. Keynote Speaker: Ann Morisey. Freelance community theologian and lecturer, Ann has worked in the field of social responsibility for many years and directed the Commission that wrote the report, Faithful Cities. Ann has written two best selling books – Beyond the Good Samaritan and Journeying Out.

Workshops: Valuing volunteers; training volunteers; recruiting and retaining volunteers; general volunteering; volunteering with the elderly; volunteering with young people; volunteering overseas

The conference will be of interest to all who volunteer in a church setting or outwith the church and for those interested in exploring this issue in relation to the “Big Society”

Booking: Form available from the Diocesan Office. Send with your **registration fee of £5**, (cheque made payable to the Scottish Episcopal Church) to the Church Relations Officer, General Synod Office, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EE

Morning coffee, a buffet lunch and afternoon tea shall be provided

British Red Cross - Volunteers

New volunteers are being recruited throughout Argyll to help transport patients to hospital appointments. If you are interested and have a few hours free, please contact Lorraine Scott on 01436 672507 or e-mail LahScott@redcross.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING CONT'D

British Red Cross - Short Break Bureau

The Short Break Bureau is a new and exciting way of coordinating short breaks for those who are cared for and their carers in Argyll and Bute. The bureau arranges and promotes short breaks. The service is available to those over the age of 18 with mental health issues, learning disabilities, physical disabilities and older people. The bureau has now been launched in Oban and Mull with a further bureau in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay being launched in October. If you are interested in going on a break or would like to find out more, please contact Lynda Barr or Claire MacDonald on 01463 672744 or e-mail lbarr@redcross.org.uk or cmacdonald@redcross.org.uk.

POLITICS

Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office

The Justice Committee produced its report on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communication (Scotland) Bill, ahead of Stage 2 amendments being taken. Church groups' concerns about freedom of speech appear to be allayed, with the Government indicating that it would be content to add a provision for freedom of speech. Given the Government's parliamentary majority, it is likely that any Government amendment accepted by the Committee will subsequently also be accepted when the Bill reaches Stage 3 and is considered by the whole Parliament. Visit the Website: www.actsparl.org or Follow on Twitter: [@actsparl](https://twitter.com/actsparl)

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Cathedral and Church Buildings Division, Archbishops' Council, Church of England **Disasters: prevention and management, Southwark Cathedral, 22nd November 2011** Understanding emergencies, their likely sources, the greatest risk, what to do during an emergency and how to recover afterwards are all key elements of avoiding and, should it happen, managing an emergency or disaster. This seminar will introduce all the key concepts, with practical examples of their implementation. Cost: £65 (including VAT) For an agenda and further information click here - http://www.churchcare.co.uk/pdf_view.php?id=248

WALKING WITH GOD

Women Walking with God

Edinburgh International Conference Centre **2-3rd March 2012**. "Known...their names were never recorded, but Jesus knew them" Speakers: Elaine Storkey, Kay Cathcart, Tania Bright-Cook Worship Leader: Lou Fellingham & Phatfish. Visit www.womenwalkingwithgod.co.uk

A Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Francis and St Benedict

2nd - 8th October 2012 Led by Rt Rev A Martin Shaw with Judith Dean. The first part of this seven day itinerary sets out to delve a little into the mind of the saint by following some of the paths that he travelled along within the regions of Umbria and Lazio. This journey will bring you through some beautiful and lesser known parts of the Italian landscape. For more information please contact Bishop Martin on 07801 549615 or e-mail amartinshaw@gmail.com. Book through Pax Travel Ltd, 152-156 Kentish Town Road, London NW1 9QB Tel: 020 7485 3003 E-mail: info@paxtravel.co.uk www.paxtravel.co.uk

St Moluag Booklets

These booklets (42 pages crammed full of information and illustrations) written by Niall, Coarb of St Moluag are available from the Diocesan Office. Funds raised have kindly been donated to the Dio-

CONTACT US

The Bishop is based in the Diocesan Centre. (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.

Sue and Audrey are usually in the office from 9.30am-2.30pm **Mon-Thurs** (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. Alison Clark will be spending some time in the Diocesan Office when not on the road. We do listen to answer-phone messages and reply as soon as we can.

The Provost goes back into hospital for a further operation to stretch his gullet on 14th November. He hopes that it will be the same as last time, when he was admitted as a day patient and discharged that same evening. In the meantime, he continues to take part in the leading of worship

Diocesan November Diary

Monday 31st October – Thursday 3rd November – Diocesan Retreat at Cumbrae

Monday 31st October – Thursday 3rd November – Bishop Kevin on Cumbrae

Saturday/Sunday 5th/6th November – Bishop Kevin at St Columba's, Islay

Tuesday/Thursday 8th/10th November – Bishop Kevin on Lewis & Harris

Wednesday 9th November – Building the Vision - Lewis & Harris

Sunday 13th November – Building the Vision - Skye & Raasay

Tuesday/Wednesday 15th/16th November - College of Bishops, Edinburgh

Sunday 20th November – Bishop Kevin at St Andrew's, Fort William

Wednesday, 21st November – Bishop Kevin on Iona (to be confirmed)

Tuesday 22nd November – Building the Vision – Oban, Ardbrecknish, Ardchat-tan & Kilbrandon

Tuesday 27th November – Bishop Kevin at Holy Trinity, Dunoon

Tuesday 6th December – Diocesan Board of Mission & Ministry

STOP PRESS

IN TRAY

The December Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the **Diocesan Office**) – material to be received by Monday 21st November, 2011

FEEDBACK

What do you think about the new format of this newsletter? Is it more reader-friendly/ Please send comments on this work in progress to the Diocesan Office.

RSCM Singing Day, Dunblane - Saturday November 5th

Just a reminder that our ever-popular Singing Day takes place a week on Saturday November 5th in Dunblane Cathedral. Gordon Appleton will once again lead us in a mix of music old and new all of which we learn on the day. There is a rehearsal at 2.00 prompt, break for refreshments and Service at 5.00. All welcome.

I'd be grateful if you'd let me know by the beginning of next week how many singers are able to come so we can ensure enough music (and tea) for everybody!

Email matthewbeetschen@aol.com or phone 01786 445158

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