

# Diocesan Newsletter

for

## Argyll and The Isles

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Dear Friends,

As the Autumn begins and we recognise the Holy Spirit leading us in 'Building the Vision' for God's Church and our Diocese, there are a number of significant changes in personnel about to take place.

The Very Reverend Norman MacCallum has announced that he will retire at the end of April 2012. Norman has had a distinguished ministry as Provost of the Cathedral, Dean of the Diocese and forty years of faithful ministry. We wish Norman and Barbara much happiness in their retirement and our love and prayers are with them as they make their preparations.

The Reverend Shona Boardman will take up the appointment of Priest in Charge of St Peter's Stornoway in February 2012. Shona is in the third year of her curacy at St John's, Princes Street, Edinburgh. Originally from the West Coast, Shona came back to Scotland from Canada, is married to Rinchen and they have three adult children.

Ms Alison Clark takes up the post of Congregational Development Officer in order to help to "Build the Vision". This is a part time post in addition to that of Learning Development Officer which Alison already holds. Alison can be contacted via the Diocesan Office.

Mr David McEwan has resigned as Warden of Lay Readers and we thank him for his ministry in this role.

Mr David Fuller has resigned as Lay Chaplain at St Columba's, Gruline. After so many years of faithful ministry, we wish David and Jan every blessing.

Mr Jeff Fielding joins the team at Gruline as a Lay Leader.

Dr Geoff Headden will be licensed as a Lay Reader at St Paul's, Kinlochleven on 9<sup>th</sup> October. We welcome Geoff to the Diocesan team.

Please continue to pray for our Diocese and for the ministry of the whole people of God as we seek to make His love real in Argyll and The Isles.

And –

“Pray for me as I will for thee  
That we may merrily meet in heaven.”

+Kevin

### Communications

The Bishop is based in the Diocesan Centre. ([bishop@argyll.anglican.org](mailto: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.

The Dean is continuing to improve in health and taking a fuller part in Cathedral Services. He hopes to have a hands-free speaking device fitted in September. It was announced in the Cathedral at the end of August that he will remain in post until he retires at the end of April 2012.

### Office Hours

Sue and Audrey are usually in the office from 9.30am-2.30pm **Mon-Thurs** (01631 570870) [office@argyll.anglican.org](mailto:office@argyll.anglican.org). Peter usually works from home but can be contacted by e-mail [secretary@argyll.anglican.org](mailto:secretary@argyll.anglican.org). Jean is most easily contacted at her office on 01631 567007 or e-mail [jean@jeanainsley.co.uk](mailto:jean@jeanainsley.co.uk). We do listen to answer-phone messages and reply as soon as we can. We will be taking some holidays over the summer so do bear with us if we are a little slow to respond!

### **NOW OPEN TO ALL COMERS – BOOK NOW TO BE SURE OF YOUR PLACE!**

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

Cathedral of the Isles, Cumbrae. **31st October - 3rd November 2011**

You can book by

- downloading a form from the diocesan website: [www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk](http://www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk) and click on 'news and events'
- ringing The College on 01475 530353
- emailing [Cathedral\\_Cumbrae@btconnect.com](mailto:Cathedral_Cumbrae@btconnect.com)

#### **What will happen?**

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

- talks
- time both to reflect upon in silence and with others,
- space for walking peacefully along the shore or around the island
- personal prayer and corporate worship in the Cathedral of the Isles.

### Could I go?

All are welcome. If you're interested in exploring your relationship with God, if the topic attracts you, if you need to recharge your spiritual batteries, take this opportunity of time out.

### Still not sure?

Speak to Alison on 01700 500489 or email [alison@wordsinaction.net](mailto:alison@wordsinaction.net). Bishop Kevin is happy to advise on preparing for a retreat.

If finance is an issue, do get in touch. Assistance may be available from the Diocese in the form of a grant towards costs.

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD – THE OFFICE CAN SUPPLY THIS INFORMATION IN POSTER FORM FOR THE BACK OF YOUR CHURCH.**

### ISLAND RETREATS

#### Bishop's House, Iona

There is availability for any church groups who would like to book the whole house at the start of **October**. Please give the warden a call for more information. Email: [iona@island-retreats.org](mailto:iona@island-retreats.org) Phone: 01681 700 111

#### Island Breaks

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

#### Music for a Summer Afternoon

Sunday afternoons during September and October at 3pm.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> September - Jane Guy, contralto, David Mackie, piano

A varied programme including work to mark the centenary of the death of WS Gilbert presented by this well known pair of Scottish artists.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> September – Tom Hay, Feargus Hetherington, Sheila Hay, Hazel Leitch, Alastair Chisholm

A fascinating programme of chamber music by Max Bruch, Hans Gal, William Alwyn and Maxwell Geddes.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> September – Stephen Phillips, Alastair Chisholm

A recital including songs by Purcell, Quilter and Gurney given by a young tenor who is already an accomplished soloist

#### 25<sup>th</sup> September – Philip Norris, Lynda Norris

A duo recital by a distinguished husband and wife team who present a programme which demonstrates the wide range of expressive styles possible with cello and piano.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Andrew Johnson

A programme planned to complement the Sonata in B minor by Franz Liszt. This great Romantic work has the capacity to thrill and astonish

#### 9<sup>th</sup> October – Henry Lebedinsky

A recital by a distinguished American organist who will present an imaginative programme of music including masterpieces by JS Bach

### Monday 26 to Thursday 29 September - Coping with Stress

From £180 Full Board for 3 days. Non-residential £35 “We talk about stress quite openly now but what is 'stress'? How does it affect us physically, mentally, emotionally and socially? Join us for this course and learn to understand stress: what are the causes and what techniques can we learn to help us cope with it?” Anthea Clarke leads.

Download Information Sheet and Booking Forms on [www.island-retreats.org](http://www.island-retreats.org) or contact The Warden email [cathedral.cumbrae@btconnect.com](mailto:cathedral.cumbrae@btconnect.com) or telephone 01475 530353

### 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](mailto:mauraofcumbrae@googlemail.com)

### 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 2:00. 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.

## **NEW Diocesan study group**

The Diocesan study group will begin again in October and we are keen to invite new students. We will be reading together **The Books of the New Testament** by **Ian Boxall**, a recommended SCM publication. The Province has decided not to continue with the York St John programme. This suits us in Argyll & The Isles because our folk were not interested in gaining qualifications, although they enjoyed the study. They *did* however want to deepen knowledge and understanding as disciples and local leaders.

**The way it works:** Meetings of the group are a mix of face-to-face, phone conferencing and sharing thoughts on an online forum. The phoning option is really simple as is the online forum. To gain maximum benefit, you will need to maintain a regular pattern of reading and responding but there is no obligatory written work. However, some of our previous students found that writing a short essay or two helped them to focus their learning. Dr Michael Kitchener has kindly offered to read and comment on any written work produced. This is entirely optional.

**Dates and Times:** The date of the first face-to-face meeting is likely to be in the first week of October in Oban or Lochgilphead and will be confirmed to suit, so far as possible, those who express interest. Phone meetings have tended to be in the late afternoon but this too is negotiable.

**Cost:** There is no cost for the course as such. Students buy their own books (in this case £15 new), and bear the cost of travel and phone bills. Assistance may be available from the Diocese in the form of a grant towards costs.

**What should I do?** Contact Alison Clark through the Diocesan Office 01631 570870 or email [info@wordsinaction.net](mailto:info@wordsinaction.net)

Footnote: There will be a range of learning opportunities on offer in 2012 as we move into year 2 of the Building the Vision programme. In the current round of visits, I'm looking forward to hearing how the diocese can best equip you in the tasks and roles you undertake for God's work in the world.

Alison

## **Communications and Information Outreach Worker**

ABSEN are recruiting for a recent graduate to join their team in Argyll for 12 months to support them in developing capacity to gather and communicate information to a wide audience to assist the development of Social Enterprise in Argyll and the UK. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position, please ask them to

contact the Diocesan Office for further information. Closing date 6<sup>th</sup> September

ABSEN (Argyll & Bute Social Enterprise Network) is an affiliation of a wide variety of social enterprises and its membership comes from across Argyll and Bute.

## **Racial Justice Sunday – 11th September**

'Created by God, treated like Slaves' - Tackling Human Trafficking.

The resource material prepared by CTBI's Racial Justice Network is now available on the web at [http://www.ctbi.org.uk/pdf\\_view.php?id=680](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/pdf_view.php?id=680) and may be freely downloaded. Paper copies, printed in black and white, of the material can be obtained from ACTS ([www.acts-scotland.org](http://www.acts-scotland.org))

**Scotland's National Service for Racial Justice Sunday**, Wellington Church, Southpark Street, Glasgow : **19.00**

**Preacher** : Bishop Joe Aldred, Churches Together in England's Officer for Minority Ethnic Christian Affairs.

All will be welcome at this ecumenical service which is being led by members of Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS) and of Minority Ethnic Christians Together in Scotland (MECTIS).

Please come along to help celebrate the increasing co-operation between the Churches which have served Scotland's people for many years and the new congregations formed mainly by immigrants from other countries. At the end of the Service a light meal, prepared by the ladies of MECTIS, will be available for all those who can stay.

## **Getting Your Kids Through Church Without Them Ending Up Hating God**

There will be a special complimentary lunch for church leaders, youth workers, family workers etc. in Bishopbriggs on Wednesday **21st September**. (Woodhill Evangelical Church, Wester Cleddens Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow G64 2NH. This will give as many church leaders as possible the opportunity to hear Rob Parsons (Founder and Chairman of Care for the Family) & Youth for Christ's National Director, Gavin Calver.

At the lunch you will be able to:

- Find out about "the Big Five" killers of faith
- Reflect on the concept of "the perfect Christian child" mould
- Get the inside track on what we believe can be achieved together

The national event is touring the UK and is coming to the Clyde Auditorium in Glasgow in November. You can reserve a place for yourself and members of your leadership teams for the lunch by calling the Scotland office on 01506 846476 or online at

[www.careforthefamily.org.uk/lunch](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/lunch). Tickets are now available for the event in November.

The idea is to have as many churches as possible to hear first hand about this initiative and also from a personal point of view to be encouraged in their role within the local church.

Please feel free to pass on an invitation to other church leaders you know who may like to attend.

For further information give Tricia a call. Patricia Fraser, Scotland Administrator, Care for the Family, Scotland Office: Bryerton House, 129 High Street, Linlithgow. EH49 7EJ Tel. (01506) 846476

### **The Scottish Churches Organist Training Scheme Training Days**

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** Cupar; **November 19<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:sdwilson@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Godly Play Calendar – Autumn 2011**

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

**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

**Details for all Godly Play Circles:** Time: 7.30 till 9.00 approximately Cost: free, but donations towards catering would be appreciated

**3 September – Discovery Day,** Bathgate St Columba SEC, 79 Glasgow Road, Bathgate EH48 2AJ

**28 September – Godly Play Circle,** Duddingston Godly Play Centre, Duddingston Kirk Manse, Old Church Lane (enter via Duddingston Road West) Edinburgh EH15 3PX

**1 October – Discovery Day,** Duddingston As Above

### **18-20 October – Accredited Three Day Godly Play Training Course**

Salvation Army, Mill Lane, Paisley PA1 1ND Cost: £280 (non residential) There are numerous B&B options in Paisley including Premier Inn. Trainers: Dr Rebecca Nye and Rev Peter Privett. Timing: Each day will start at 8.30am. Day 1 will end at 6.30pm, Day 2 at 6.30pm and Day 3 at 5.00pm. Sandwich Lunches included To book: please complete the 3 day booking form which can

be found at [www.godlyplay.org.uk/3daycourses](http://www.godlyplay.org.uk/3daycourses) or contact [sheila.rogers@talktalk.net](mailto:sheila.rogers@talktalk.net) for enquiries.

**29 October – Discovery Day,** Isle of Seil, Kilbrandon Church, Cuan Road, Seil PA34 4RA

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

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

**Fifth Godly Play Lecture - 1 December,** Birmingham Godly Play Scotland, Duddingston Kirk Manse, Old Church Lane, Edinburgh EH15 3PX Tel: 07957 885930 e-mail: [admin@godlyplayscotland.co.uk](mailto:admin@godlyplayscotland.co.uk)

### **Working with Children in the Church Community – Bringing About Change October 29<sup>th</sup>**

International Christian College, Glasgow. Speakers from a range of churches will talk about their work and changes they have sought to make their work more effective. There will also be workshops to help equip those attending to make changes in their own situations. Further details will follow.

### **The Big Society in Scotland**

Public services, mutual models and the third sector. A one day conference in Edinburgh, Friday **28<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](mailto:lmcclelland@mackayhannah.com)

### **Volunteering in Faith: Obligation or Joy?**

A day conference organised by the Church in Society Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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"*

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

**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 by the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011

### **Build Africa**

Will you give the gift of water this Harvest?

To help change the situation for the long term, Build Africa wants to provide water tanks and guttering to schools and harvest the rain water during the next rainy season. If they can provide enough tanks for the schools to harvest water the situation could be a lot different during the next dry season. However, they need to act fast if they are going to be constructed before the next rainy season in November. [www.build-africa.org](http://www.build-africa.org); [hello@build-africa.org.uk](mailto:hello@build-africa.org.uk); 01892 519619; Second Floor, Vale House, Clarence Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1HE.

### **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](mailto:lbarr@redcross.org.uk) or [cmacdonald@redcross.org.uk](mailto:cmacdonald@redcross.org.uk).

### **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](mailto:LahScott@redcross.org.uk)

### **Give Poverty the Boot**

This Harvest Festival, you can take part in Give Poverty the Boot and help African families produce more food. Your congregation can raise money to help provide farmers with practical support so that they can get as much from their land as possible. Sometimes that means giving farmers the training and materials to dig a shallow well, enabling them to grow vegetables in even the driest conditions. Or showing farmers which seeds are best suited to their land, as well as easy ways to make the best use of limited rainfall and improve the quality of the soil. There are lots of resources online at [www.farmafrica.org.uk/give-povertytheboot](http://www.farmafrica.org.uk/give-povertytheboot).

### **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](http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/donation.asp?ref=155183) [www.pamoja.org.uk](http://www.pamoja.org.uk) Charity No: 1085466

**The October Newsletter** (Please remember to send information to the **Diocesan Office**) – material to be received by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2011

### **Diocesan September Diary**

*Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September* – Diocesan Finance Committee

*Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October* – Island Retreats Board Meeting

*Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October* – Island Retreats Annual General Meeting

*Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October* – Diocesan Standing Committee

*Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October* – Diocesan Communications Group

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