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News from around the Diocese

New Provost Installed in St John's Cathedral

On Friday, 31st August, 2012, Nicki McNelly was collated as Rector of St John's Cathedral, Oban and St James, Ardbrecknish and installed as Provost of the Cathedral. The Cathedral was full of friends, family, dignitaries and members of her congregations past and future. The music was enhanced by the presence of the musical director and a number of choristers from St Mary's, Edinburgh. The moving service was followed by a buffet in the Corran Halls where the Bishop welcomed Nicki and thanked Reverends Ian Walter and Kit Jarman for their support during the vacancy.

We wish Nicki well in her ministry.



St Columba's Church, Isle of Skye



Our recent 'Grand Summer Sale' was truly blessed. Rev Canon Robert Breaden opened the event with prayers. The new, bright Gazebos, and our very own 'Bertie' attracted many visitors from far and wide to our Stalls, which were laden with bric-a-brac, hand crafted goods, made by members of the congregation and the Sunday School, and home baking. Tea and coffee was

provided throughout the three days. Many of our visitors enjoyed the relaxation of massage, and visiting children had fun with Face Painting.

The Isle of Skye Piping Competition which was held in St Columba's during the three days, was an additional attraction. We were privileged to hear Pipe Major Gordon Walker, who ranks in the top five of the Worlds Pipers.

Sincere and grateful thanks to



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St Columba's Church, Isle of Skye (continued)

the kindness and generosity of the many people who helped, from the Sunday School, St Columba's Congregation, and to many families and friends. God Bless you all.

Gaelic Service at Campbeltown, Sunday, 19th August



Megan Hill

The annual Gaelic Service took place at St Kieran's Scottish Episcopal Church, Campbeltown on Sunday 19th August 2012. The church was filled well before the start of the service and extra seats were brought out for the overflow. The BBC was in attendance to record the service. Megan Hill, now entering her fourth year of her music course at the Scottish Conservatoire, presided at the organ with great skill, accompanying the singing and playing well-known Gaelic airs before the service began.

AnnMarie, Chelsea and Krystal McLean sang solos and joined in harmony towards the end in a specially arranged anthem – "Failte, failte". The congregation were encouraged to sing the chorus of the first hymn in Gaelic and Morag Patton and Iain Henderson read lessons.



Krystal, Chelsea and AnnMarie McLean



Andreas Wolff, BBC ALBA with Morag Patton

Jane Mayo offered the Collect for Purity in Gaelic and Frances Arthur took the Intercessions with Gaelic responses. David McEwan led the whole service in Gaelic and in the sermon made reference to the importance of having a second language and the role that Gaelic could play in that. At the close of the service many remained behind to enjoy conversation over tea and coffee. Two splendid floral arrangements were gifted to decorate the church, courtesy of Campbeltown

Flower Club and the local branch of the Red Cross. The flowers were later distributed to housebound members of the congregation. A brief report of the service featured on the news programme of BBC Alba "An La" on the following day, thereby raising the profile of the Scottish Episcopal Church with positive nationwide coverage.

This report has now been placed on the Diocesan Website

<http://www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk/gaelic.html>

Thank you!

What a delight to be able to include copy from around the Diocese. Thank you to all the contributors! Deadline for the next issue Monday 22nd October.



Four Places Left!

There are only four places left on the diocesan retreat. The retreat will be held at The College, Cumbrae from **23rd-26th**

October led by the Rev Anne Dyer on the theme 'Hope in Small Things'. Information and a registration form can be found

on the diocesan website: http://www.argyll_and_the_isles.org.uk/retreatoct12.pdf or from the Diocesan Office.

Glen 12

This year's Glenalmond Camp was even more exciting than last year's. This year was my second time at Glen. I remembered everyone. This year's theme was Grimm's Fairy Tales which was very interesting. But I think that the nights' activities were really good. Every night after dinner, we had something to do. We watched Shrek 2 which was brilliant. But I think the highlight of the week must have been the G Factor which was amazing. This was where the delegates from Glenalmond were able to show off their acts. It varied a lot from singing to acting to comedy and even a fairytale Jeremy Kyle Show involving Red Riding Hood,

Prince Charming, the Fairy Godmother, Dopey and the Big Bad Wolf. It was really funny. Thank you for reading. - Josh Marlow



I was also privileged to attend Glen again this year, albeit as a leader. In addition to all the evening activities that Josh mentions, there were Housegroups (groups of about eight delegates of similar age with leaders) Morning and Evening Prayer and Evening Worship provided by one of the Housegroups. It is an amazing honour to watch the young people mature and develop their faith year on year.

Sue Pollard

Island Breaks

The College of The Holy Spirit, The Cathedral of The Isles, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae KA28 0HE

PROGRAMME 2012 - 2013

Friday 26 to Sunday 28 October 2012 Friends' Weekend

From £116 Full Board for 2 days# Daily Rate £7.50 (Includes lunch)

Join the Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles and The College of The Holy Spirit for their Annual General Meeting and a weekend of activities.

To join the Friends contact Anne Morton 01475 530478 or email anne@millport.net.

Information sheet and booking form available.

Saturday 1 to Sunday 2 December 2012 - Advent Sunday

From £116 Full Board for 2 days#

Spend the weekend at the College and join the congregation on Sunday morning for Sung Eucharist at 11am led by the Cathedral Choir followed by an Advent Carol Service at 3pm. To book accommodation contact the College on 01475 530353 or email cathedral_cumbrae@btconnect.com (PTO)

Island Breaks (continued)

Monday 23 to Saturday 29 December 2012 Christmas at the Cathedral

From £284.50 Full Board for 5 days#. The Warden is hosting a house party for Christmas in the College again this year. Book now to avoid disappointment. Information Sheet and Booking Form available

Friday 28 at 3pm December 2012 Christmas Carol Service The Cathedral Choir sings Christmas Carols.

#Ensuite discount & supplement for sharing room

**Sustainable energy in creation—
Time for prayer and action 2012**

This is the UN Year of Sustainable Energy for All, with a target of giving the whole world reliable, clean energy by 2030. Resources prepared by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) follow this theme,

challenging and raising awareness of what we can do both to care for the planet and for the poor who lack access to energy. Read more and download resources at www.ctbi.org.uk. The SEC Church in

Society Committee's "Faith in Action Guide" for October looks at the environment—access leaflets with prayer suggestions and action points at www.scotland.anglican.org (original article in Inspires online)

Grosvenor Essays online

The Grosvenor Essays from the Doctrine Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church are now downloadable! You can access the eight Essays at www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/publications/category/C39. They are

accompanied by a Study Guide which can be used by individuals and groups. The titles are:
Sketches towards a theology of Science;
Theology and the Power of the Image;
The Inter-Faith Encounter;

The Shape of Our Church; On Salvation; Death and Resurrection: New Life in Christ; Thinking the Nicene Creed: Incarnation; Marriage and Human Intimacy (original article in Inspires online)



**Cursillo in Scotland
Day of Deeper Understanding**

Saturday 20th October 2012

10 am – 4 pm

Holy Trinity and St Barnabas SEC, St James' Pl, Paisley, PA1 1BG

A day based on the three day message, incorporating sessions on Piety, Study and Action. All are welcome!!!!!!

If you are coming, please bring something to share at lunch time.

To register: contact Morag O'Neill, 26 Round Riding Rd, Dumbarton, G82 2HW; 01389 763710; morag.oneill@blueyonder.co.uk

The Atholl Centre

3 new creative holidays are taking place at the Atholl Centre this autumn, the first starting on Oct 2nd. In an exciting partnership with musician and artist friends 3 residential courses have been developed for autumn midweeks. The Centre offers 13 bedrooms, providing between 2 & 5 beds per room.

Water colour painting **3rd-4th October**
Choral Music **31st October—2nd November**
Festive Crafts **13th-15th November**
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February 15-17 2013
Abernethy Nethybridge

Guest Speaker: Tania Bright-Cook
Theme: REST

Talks, seminars, relaxation for ladies...



women & FAITH

A weekend of recharging your batteries with like-minded women.
Talks on the theme of REST, seminars, worship and plenty of time to put your feet up, have a swim, walk, read, climb, knit...

Full board accommodation with a celebration buffet meal on Saturday Evening.
All inclusive price £117
Book **before Nov 1st** and get the **early bird** price of only £99!!

How to book...
Call 01479 821279
E-mail Nethybridge@abernethy.org.uk
Come as a group or on your own.
Open to all women age 16+
Numbers are limited so don't delay!

About our Speaker....

Tania Bright-Cook is a cross-denominational leader whose primary focus is on community renewal through relationships, reform and innovation. She is the Deputy Director for Research and Development @ Salvation Army and Founder of a Community Home in South East London that fosters homeless teenagers. Tarn, as affectionately known, is a regular conference speaker at Spring Harvest, New Wine & Women Walking With God as well as preaching in churches of all persuasions across the country.

About our theme REST...

Women today feel pressure. We're told we can be anything and do anything! We try to juggle calling, career, children - on top of all our relational commitments, and wonder why we feel a sense of burden or failure in one way or another. We've lost perspective and we're weary. Jesus said "come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."
Women of Faith... come and be refreshed and invigorated, challenged and equipped! We'll look at how to balance the demands of life, how to appreciate unique seasons, how to manage perceptions of failure and most important, how to find rest in the loving arms of Jesus.

www.abernethy.org.uk

Ecumenical and other church news & events

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Communications

New Website under development for Argyll and The Isles

The website www.argyll.anglican.org is being developed as a new and updated website for the diocese. This new site can be seen, but is still in a draft form and is in the process of being populated with information and images. The site is being developed using the new official Scottish Episcopal Church provincial templates using the Wordpress web software. A local Oban contractor, Oban Web Design, with expertise in Wordpress use, has been used to get the draft site up and running.

The following are the key features of the new site:

a) it is designed to let visitors quickly and easily find a Scottish Episcopal Church near to where they are staying, with a 'Find a Church' function using Google Maps.

b) it has useful resources for charges and vestries in an easily accessible location

c) there is a 'who's who' for the diocesan staff

d) news and events are updated regularly on the front page of the site, along with access to soft copies of newsletters.

e) with Wordpress, charges can have access to edit and update their own information pages on the site. Management of the site can be carried out by diocesan staff as well as web specialists.

It is planned to officially launch the site in the next few weeks, but it would be very helpful if charges could check their own pages for accuracy. We also need photographs (with permission for the diocese to use them on the web) of the churches and congregations to

go on these pages. The user accounts for charge self-editing will also be able to go live over the next few weeks.

For help on accessing the site and to change any information, contact the office:

office@anglican.org.uk

Until the new site is launched, the existing website, www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk is our official site. This site, created and managed by Hazel Morris at Site-maker1.com for the past four years, has been an excellent and useful resource. The increased flexibility of the Wordpress system, and adopting the provincial template, will give us a clear branded identity and will build on the success of this current site.

WEBSITE www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk soon to be www.argyll.anglican.org

FACEBOOK Please 'Like' the Facebook page for Argyll and The Isles. **Twitter** Hashtag #AaTI