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News from around the Diocese

Diocesan Synod 2012

The Diocesan Synod met in Oban from the 6th to the 8th of March. Under the guidance of Bishop Kevin, delegates from all over the diocese met on Tuesday the 6th March to share their experience of 'Building the Vision.' This energetic and buzzing day, with a marketplace, talks and a 'Brains Trust' panel, set up the representatives for the

business of Synod.

The Synod eucharist, drinks at the Bishop's House and dinner started the official business. The usual business of appointments to committees contrasted with the unusual decision to change the diocesan constitution to new governing regulations. The synod finished with an

'Indaba-style' discussion on the Anglican Covenant.

The post-synod day was a chance for the diocesan clergy to explore the next stages in the diocesan mission planning: training and preparation for mission.

The verdict: an excellent, energizing synod!

New Provost for St John's Cathedral, Oban

The Rev Nicola McNelly, Chaplain at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Edinburgh is to be the new Provost of St John the Divine Cathedral in Oban, taking over from the Very Rev Norman MacCallum who has held the office of Provost since 2000.

The appointment of Nicola as the new Provost was endorsed by the Rt Rev Kevin Pearson, Bishop of Argyll & The Isles, who says "I am delighted that the Cathedral Vestry, having worked hard at putting together a profile for their new provost, have invited Nicola to lead them in this new chapter of the cathedral's life and

to build on the good work which has been developed over recent years both in the cathedral and its surrounding community."

Nicola has been Chaplain at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral since 2009 and will be installed as Provost in St John's Cathedral, Oban at a special service in August. In preparing to take up her new post, Nicola says "I am thrilled and honoured to be appointed Provost of St. John's Cathedral, Oban and thank Bishop Kevin and the Vestry for their faith in me. There will be exciting challenges ahead and I look forward to journeying with the cathedral family

and the diocese. I think my curacy at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh will have prepared me well for the future!"

The role of Provost is priest in charge of a Cathedral - responsible for the Cathedral's ministry to its members and all areas of the Cathedral's life and its role in the community.

Nicola is married to Iain and they have two daughters and a border collie and is hoping that walking in Argyll & The Isles will improve her fitness for her visits to Nepal to trek in the Himalayas!

Diocesan Prayer Cycle

The latest Diocesan Prayer Cycle is now available in several formats and media. For hard copy in A4, A5 and pocket size (A6) versions please contact the Office in Oban if you would like a copy.

"Friends of Cathedral Music" in Argyll and The Isles?

The Friends of Cathedral Music exist "to safeguard a priceless heritage and to support a living tradition". The Friends of Cathedral Music exist "to safeguard musical heritage, the plan is to have a Diocesan representative in every diocese in Britain. excellence of the church's musical heritage, the plan is to have a Diocesan representative in every diocese in Britain. tentative, so, if anyone who is interested in the furtherance of church music would like to find out more, full details are available on the FCM website: www.fcm.org.uk or contact Canon Keith Pagan (01586 830310).

FCM has achieved much in the last fifty years but in order to maintain the At present the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles does not have a repre-

A New Bishop for our link Diocese of Zanzibar

The Anglican Church of Tanzania, Diocese of Zanzibar is a companion link to our diocese of Argyll and The Isles. The Consecration of Rev Fr Michael Hafidh as the 10th Bishop of Zanzibar will take place at a special consecration Mass at the Historical Zanzibar Anglican Cathedral, Mkunazini (situated at the former Slave Market Site). The consecration will take place at 9am on Sunday 15th April 2012. Please keep the bishop-elect, our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Africa in your prayers.

Jubilee Choral Evensong

A Diocesan Choral Evensong to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is to be held on Saturday, 2nd of June in St John's Cathedral, Oban at 3pm. All are welcome!

Lost Property

A glasses case was left in the Gathering Halls in Oban during the Diocesan Synod last month. - brownish grey metal. Contact Sue in the Office if it's yours.

St John's Cathedral Oban: Bible Study Group

Having finished looking at Colossians, the St Johns' Bible Study group is currently studying the old Testament book of Micah. We meet in the narthex at St Johns, Oban from 12-1:30 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month after the 11:00 Communion Service and vary in number from 5 - 12 participants. We've decided that bringing lunch does not work well, so we start with a cup of tea or coffee and then get down to our study. As we get to know and trust one another, the discussions are becoming deeper and more meaningful. The group is open to all and we welcome new members, our aim is to enrich and deepen our spiritual lives so do consider joining us. Forthcoming meetings: April 11th & 25th May 9th & 23rd.

Glen '12: Throwing Some Shapes

Want to do something different this summer? Come and join the fun at the Scottish Episcopal Church Youth Weeks at Glenalmond near Perth!

The Youth Weeks (this year beginning Sunday 29th July and Sunday 5th

August) are open to anyone in secondary education (completed first year) up to 18 years old.

For more details about Glen '12 contact Sue (Diocesan Youth Officer) at the Oban Office.

If it might help, there are funds available to help with the costs of camp.

Ask Sue or download the application form from the SEC website youth committee area.

Mothers' Union Scotland

Advance notice: You are invited to

THE MU SCOTTISH GATHERING 2012

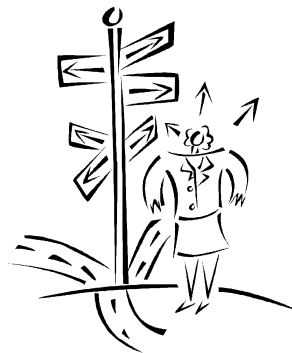
Fri 5th October - Sat 6th October

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where we've come from
where we are now
and
where we are going
at



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General Synod committees seek new members

A number of the General Synod's committees are currently seeking new members.

Appointments are for a period of four years with the option to serve a second term of four years. Contact the named member of General Synod Office staff for

more details of skills, experience, other requirements, meetings etc.:

Personnel Committee

Further information from John Stuart – SecGen@scotland.anglican.org

Retirement Welfare Committee

Investment Committee

Pension Fund – Employer-appointed Trustee

Further information from Daphne Audsley: DaphneA@scotland.anglican.org

News From Godly Play Scotland

www.godlyplayscotland.co.uk

Discovery Day

Want to know about this thing called Godly Play? Come along and learn about it at a Discovery Day.

The next day is:

Wednesday 25 April 2012, 10.00 – 3.30

Venue: All Saints Church, Glencarse, Perth PH2 7LX

Cost: £12 to include cof-

fee and light lunch (pay on the day)

Tel: 07957 885930

e-mail: admin@

godlyplayscotland.co.uk

THE SPIRIT OF THE CHILD with Dr Rebecca Nye

Wednesday, May 2nd 2012, at 8pm

Discover - and share your insights into the spiritual awareness within the children you know. Rebecca Nye, a parent herself, is an emi-

nent researcher, consultant, lecturer, practitioner and writer. She is co-author, with David Hay, of "The Spirit of the Child" and author of "Children's Spirituality: what it is and why it matters".

(Coffee/Tea will be served from 7.30pm)

The Upper Hall
Mayfield Salisbury
Parish Church
18, West Mayfield
Edinburgh
EH9 1TQ

Godly Play Circles

We're delighted that we are now able to extend the geographical range of these informal and relaxed evenings. Come and enjoy one near you soon - or please let us know if you'd like to hold one in your own

area. The more the merrier!

Time: 7.30 - 9.00-ish (timing approximate - depending on the chat....)

Cost: free, but a donation towards catering

would be appreciated

Tuesday 24 April 2012

Giffnock

Orchardhill Parish Church
12 Church Road

Giffnock

G46 6JR

Eco-congregation AGM 2012

Bridge of Allan Parish Church Halls, Keir Street, Bridge of Allan, FK9 4QJ

21st Apr, 10am to 4pm

A light lunch will be served.

The theme of our 2012 Annual Gathering is 'Behaviour Change', look-

ing at local and global issues of sustainable living.

We are delighted to welcome Stewart Stevenson MSP Minister for Environment and Climate Change as our keynote speaker.

Please register now.

Email:

oanshus@cofscotland.org



Bridge Pastoral Foundation

SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 2012

**Monday 16th—Friday
20th April St Leonards
School, St Andrews**

Speakers:

Hamish Montgomery,
Richard Holloway and
Judith Fewell.

This conference is open

to all who are seeking space for reflection and personal growth within the ethos of ecumenical Christian spirituality. While there is a Christian basis, those of other faiths or of no particular faith are valued. The week will appeal to those in the "helping" professions including those engaged in pastoral and voluntary work in local churches and communities. Booking form available from Diocesan Office or download from www.bridgepastoral.org.uk
Tel: Helen Alexander
0131 346 0685
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hjr.alexander@virgin.net

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

April 2012: Events & Retreats at the Bield

Sat 21st April - 2nd Half of Life Workshop - led by Marianne Anker-Petersen - for women who consider themselves in the second half of life and would like the opportunity to explore and share common life themes especially relating to spirituality.

Thurs 5th - Sun 8th April - Easter Retreat - led by Bield Team - a four day journey marking the phases of Jesus' last days. Partly in silence with spiritual accompaniment available.

Thurs 12th April & Fri 25th May - Big Silence - led by member of Bield Team - Give yourself time and permission to reflect on life in the beautiful surroundings of the Bield.

Fri 20th April - Cup of Life - led by Melitta Bosworth - a day to deepen/refresh/discover our creativity in life's journey, using art materials, image making and contemplation to explore where we are with ourselves, our sense of God and each other.

Sat 21st April - Journey into Healing Day Workshop - led by Robin Anker-Petersen.

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Communications & Diary

NEWSLETTER

The May Newsletter
(Please remember to
send information to the
Diocesan Office) – mate-
rial to be received by
Monday 23rd April 2012.

WEBSITE

www.argyllandtheisles
.org.uk

FACEBOOK

Please 'Like' the Face-
book page for Argyll and
The Isles.

TWITTER

Hashtag #AaTI

THE WIDER CHURCH

Find out more about the
Scottish Episcopal Church
at www.scotland.anglican.org

ONLINE INSPIRES

Sign up for news about the
Scottish Episcopal Church
at <http://www.inspires.org.uk/>
subscribe

APRIL DIARY DATES

Tuesday 10th
*Finance & Property
Committee*
10.30am Dioc Centre

Monday 16th
Standing Committee
10.30am Dioc Centre
Communications Group
1pm Dioc Centre

Saturday 21st
Lay Leaders' Training
10am Lady Chapel and
Lindsay Room, St John's
Cathedral, Oban

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Funds raised this year
will be channelled
through USPG to help
persecuted Anglicans in
Zimbabwe. Anglicans are
being persecuted by ex
communicated bishop Dr
Nolbert Kunonga who
wants to set up his own
church using property
belonging to the Church
of Central Africa. Labels
are available from the
Diocesan Office.

Further information from
www.uspg.org.uk