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News from around the Diocese

'I didn't know about that!' 'I'd have gone to that if I'd known about it.'

Ever heard that? Ever said it? Well, you can help spread the word by checking whether a copy of this newsletter is available to everyone in your congregation. Thanks to those who forward this or print it off. If you don't know who does that in your neck of the woods, ask around. If the answer is 'nobody', could it be you?

We are 'Equipping for the Vision' this year, focussing on how we can learn together for the Mission of our Diocese. The Annual Diocesan Retreat and the Diocesan Study Group provide opportunities for

spiritual nourishment and for learning.

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'. From September, it will be open to anyone so if you're thinking of coming, book soon to be sure of your place. Information and a registration form can be found on the diocesan website: <http://www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk/retreatoct12.pdf>

PLEASE PRINT OFF A
COPY FOR YOUR NOTICE
BOARD

The Diocesan Study Group resumes on Tuesday **September 4th** (time to be agreed) to read and discuss together Ian Boxall's 'New Testament Interpretation'. The first 'meeting' will be by phone conference so that we can introduce more distant members of the group. We will then follow the usual pattern of phone conferences, online discussion and occasional face-to-face gatherings. To join the group or find out more, please contact Alison Clark on alison-clark52@gmail.com or leave a message with the Diocesan Office.

Institution of New Provost - 31st August

You are invited to the Institution and Installation of The Rev'd Nicola McNelly as Rector and Provost of St John's Cathedral, Oban on Friday, 31st August 2012 at 6pm and afterwards at The Corran Halls. Clergy are invited to robe

in cassock, alb and white stole and Lay Readers in blue scarf. For catering and seating, please inform David Pollard (davidwgpollard@btinternet.com) if you wish to attend and the Diocesan Office if you wish to process



Lay Leadership Day

The date of our next Diocesan Lay Leadership Day has been fixed for Saturday **24th November**. Details will follow nearer the time. As in April, all those with a significant role in congregational leadership are welcome to attend.

Please make sure that this message is passed on to anyone not yet on our mailing list. Further information from Alison Clark, Diocesan Learning Officer 01700 500489; 07974744156; alison-clark52@gmail.com

St John's Cathedral Bazaar



St John's Cathedral held a successful Bazaar recently. This was opened by Mike Russell MSP, pictured with the Bishop, the Interim Provost.

Wanted - Two way Communication

Has your charge held an us about it! Articles and for inclusion in the News-event recently? Please tell pictures gratefully received letter and / or on Facebook

The Queen's Jubilee—Choral Weekend on Cumbrae

Diocesan Choral Evensong to rehearse and sing at preach.

to mark the Queen's Dia- the Sung Eucharist on Further information from
mond Jubilee with the Ca- Sunday 19th August at the Warden 01475
thedral Choir. 11am at which the Bishop 5 3 0 3 5 3 ; c a t h e -

Members of the congrega- of Argyll and The Isles, dral_cumbrae@
tion who sing are invited the Right Reverend Kevin btinternet.com or visit
to stay over at the College Pearson will celebrate and www.island-retreats.org

40th Annual Inveraray Ringing Festival

Bell ringers from every- Ordinary ringers (not The bells were rung prior
where converged on Inver- members of a Peal band) to the Eucharist in All
aray to celebrate the 40th were able to participate in Saints, celebrated by the
Annual Ringing Festival. two days of bell ringing. Bishop.

Bishop's House, Isle of Iona is migrating!

Bishop's House, Isle of [isleofiona](http://www.isleofiona.com) and join the
Iona is migrating in a vir- event.
tual sense to a new face-
book page. Find it on
<http://www.facebook.com/bishopshouse>



Music for a Summer Afternoon 2012

Concerts every Sunday 5th August—Kenneth Elliott Memorial Concert—St Maura Singers and friends
at 3pm until 30th Sep-
tember at the Cathedral
of The Isles, Isle of 12th August—John Butt—Organ
Cumbrae. Further infor- 19th August—Telemann Ensemble
mation from the War-
den 01475 530353; 26th August—Jonathan Cohen & Alistair Chisholm—
cathedral_cumbrae Pianos
@btinternet.com or visit
www.island-retreats.org 2nd September— Niels Poulsen -Flute & Kirsten Poulsen
—Piano

Environmental Sustainability and the Mission of the Church

Diocesan Synod this year was asked to consider motions concerning environmental sustainability which had been passed by General Synod 2011. After discussion, the Motions were passed and it was agreed that responsibility would rest with the Diocesan Standing Committee. Information



will be collected from Vestries in quinquennial reports and annual charge returns.

Most of us worship in Listed Buildings to which changes are limited but we could all consider recycling and car sharing.

www.ecocongregationscotland.org provides information on how to become an eco congregation.

Anglican Communion

Following the decision by General Synod not to adopt the Anglican Covenant, the Primus presented a resolution on the Anglican Communion which can be found on the SEC website. This resolution supported Motion 27, which was carried unanimously

That this Synod Give thanks for the part played by the Scottish Episcopal Church in the early stages of the evolution of the Anglican Communion through the consecration of Samuel Seabury in Aberdeen;

Affirm its desire to continue to be part of the Anglican Communion as it seeks closer union while celebrating its diversity; Call on the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primates' Meeting, the Lambeth Conference and the Anglican Consultative Council to encourage the development of bonds of shared mission, respect and mutual support through which the Anglican Communion can help spread the love of Christ across the world; Affirm the work of the Anglican Communion Net-

works, bodies and initiatives through which these bonds can be nurtured.

The decision not to adopt the Anglican Covenant, the support of Motion 27 and the Primus' resolution on the Anglican Communion was widely reported across the Anglican Communion and provoked a range of comments on various websites and blogs, including the website *Thinking Anglicans* www.thinkinganglicans.org.uk

[This article is reproduced from Ispires online]

Coping with Stress—Retreat on Cumbrae



“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 the causes are and what techniques you can learn to help you cope with it.

Anthea Clarke leads. Come midweek or at the weekend. **17th-20th September**

Information Sheet and Booking Form available from the Warden 01475 530353; cathedral_cumbrae@btinternet.com or visit www.island-retreats.org

Assistant General Secretary sought

ACTS is seeking to appoint an Assistant General Secretary (temporary) for a period of 6 months subject to review and possible extension. Closing date **Friday, 10th August**. Further information from the ACTS website www.acts-scotland.org

Shifting the Culture: Proposed Alcohol Bill—SEC Response

The Scottish Churches responses to "Shifting the Culture: Proposed Alcohol (Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill" can be seen in the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office Newsletter available from www.actsparl.org Included is the response from Very Rev Ian Barcroft, Convenor of the Scottish Episcopal Church Church and Society Committee

Mothers' Union

Advance notice: You are invited to THE MU SCOTTISH GATHERING 2012 Fri **5th October** - Sat 6th October "THE ROAD WE TAKE" on the way we will find out; where we've come from where we are now and where we are going Tulliallan Police College, Kincardine, Fife FK10 4BE £20 total fee www.muscotland.org.uk Scottish Charity No. SC036459

Ecumenical Relations in an Age of Change

ACTS Autumn Conference will be held on Saturday, **27th October** in Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL. Sessions include "Belonging to a Global Network" - Natasha Kluach of the World Council of Churches will lead a reflection on the Ecumenical Movement in the 21st Century in the context of the next WCC Assembly to be held in South Korea "Belonging to a Local Network I", - Annandale & Eskdale Learning Agreement—the story so far and hopes for the future; Falkirk Churches Together—Partnership with Schuren, Westphalia. News and Resources "Belonging to a Local Network II" - Perth Action of Churches Together—serving the poor together. Friends of Scottish Ecumenism. Further information and Registration Form from the ACTS website www.actsscotland.org or from Ros Milne, Committee on Ecumenical Relations, Church of Scotland, 121 George St, Edinburgh EH2 4YN rmilne@cofscotland.org.uk 0131 225 5722 ext 2370

International Anglican Women's Network

The latest, bumper, edition of the IAWN Newsletter is now available from <http://iaawn.anglicancommunion.org>. This issue includes a report on the recent United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW56) Elaine Cameron of the Scottish Episcopal Church was among the 80 women who took part in the Conversation Circle on "Trafficking of Women and Girls" The Conversation Circle agreed that it will be in working together and advocating for the implementation of laws and policies in line with the Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) that trafficking will eventually be overcome.

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NEWSLETTER

The September Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the Diocesan Office) – material to be received at the Diocesan Office (e-mail above) by Monday 27th August 2012.

WEBSITE

Diocesan Centre—Summer Holidays

The Diocesan Officers, Audrey and Sue will be taking time off over the summer. As a result of this there

www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk

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Please 'Like' the Facebook 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

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Godly Play

25th August	Discovery Day	St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen
15th September	Making Materials	Queen's Cross, Aberdeen
22nd September	Discovery Day	All Saints Glencarse Church, near Perth
29th September	Making Materials	Duddingston, Edinburgh
6th October	Discovery Day	German Church, Edinburgh
10th October	Godly Play Circle	Duddingston, Edinburgh
27th October	Going Deeper with Parables	

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will be the odd occasion when the Office is not manned. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause. The answer phone will be on and we will get back to you as soon as possible.