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Dear Friends,
Happy New to you all!
Congratulations are due to Rev Kit Jarman who has been awarded a Jubilee Medal in recognition of his services to Cadets.
Congratulations are also due to Robert Campbell-Preston who has been appointed as Vice Lord Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute.
We give a warm welcome to Rev Shona Boardman as she begins her ministry on the Isles of Lewis and Harris. See details below.

**REV SHONA BOARDMAN
COLLATION AND LICENSING**

The Collation and Licensing of the Rev Shona Boardman by the Bishop of Argyll and The Isles will take place at 6pm on Friday, February 17th at the Church of St Peter, Francis Street, Stornoway. All welcome! An article introducing Rev Shona will be included in the Diocesan Magazine.

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

**DIOCESAN SYNOD
PAPERS**

All members of Synod should have received preliminary papers. The main Synod Papers will be mailed out by mid February. Let the Office know if you have not yet received yours.

SYNOD EUCHARIST

The Synod will be constituted by Eucharist in St John's Cathedral, Oban at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 6th March. All are cordially invited to attend. The business of Synod will start at 9.30am on Wednesday, 7th March.

BUILDING THE VISION—REMINDER

At the Pre-Synod Day on 6th March, we will celebrate the work we have all been doing. Everyone is welcome whether they have completed all three sessions or not. Letters have been sent out inviting a maximum of four people from each charge, including the Lay Reps. Please contact Alison at the Diocesan Office or on alisonclark52@gmail.com as soon as you have decided what form your presentation will take. Contact your Visitor in the first instance with any queries.

LENT

40 DAYS OF PEACE

USPG (Anglicans in World Mission) Lent Appeal 2012

Help bring peace this Lent by supporting this appeal. USPG is helping to support war widows in Sri Lanka, persecuted Anglicans in Zimbabwe and efforts to oppose illegal logging in the Amazon. Free resources can be ordered, including meditations for Lent, Lent study course and collection boxes and envelopes. Contact 020 7921 2200; enquiries@uspg.org.uk; www.uspg.org.uk/peace; Harling House, 47-51 Great Suffolk St, London SE1 0BS

Palm Crosses

Available from www.emporiumuk.biz

Handing on the Torch—Sacred words for a secular 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

CHRISTIAN AID

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON APPEAL

Torrential rains brought by Typhoon Washi caused massive flooding and wide-spread damage to southern areas of the Philippines—leaving approximately 1000 people dead with the numbers still rising. In Cagayan de Oro City a total of 360,000 people have been affected and are in urgent need of help.

Partner organisations in the Philippines are already on the ground, assessing the situation and responding. They need your support to provide emergency food, shelter and safe water to those in need.

£15 could buy mosquito nets to protect 4 people against malaria; £30 could buy hygiene kits for 10 people to prevent the spread of disease; £45 could buy 24 blankets to keep families warm at night.

“In times of disaster, the poorest families are generally the worst affected. They tend to live in the riskiest areas and their modest homes are least able to withstand powerful winds and surging floodwaters,” said Ramani Leathard, Christian Aid’s South East Asia Regional Manager. Please give what you can. www.christianaid.org.uk

HELP IN BEREAVEMENT

CARE FOR THE FAMILY

Care for the Family has a range of courses particularly for those coping with bereavement. See the latest newsletter at news@cff-updates.org.uk

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; and others concerned about personal well-being and relationships. Booking form available from Diocesan Office or download from www.bridgepastoral.org.uk Tel: Helen Alexander 0131 3460685 e-mail: hjr.alexander@virgin.net

PORVOO COMMUNION

Copies of the Porvoo Prayer Cycle for 2012 are now available. Contact the Diocesan Office

MOTHERING SUNDAY

I'm writing to you and your church to ask if you would consider having a retiring collection for the Mothers' Union on **Mothering Sunday 18th March** this year. It is a day that is often seen as a day to support our work both here in Scotland and worldwide. Mothers' Union is an international Christian charity that seeks to support families worldwide.

In 83 countries, our members share one heartfelt vision - to bring about a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is not a vague hope, but a goal we actively pursue through prayer, programmes, policy work and community relationships. By supporting marriage and family life, especially through times of adversity, we tackle the most urgent needs challenging relationships and communities.

We have members involved in six prisons in Scotland, either running the play corner during visiting hours, giving Christmas cards or basic items for those newly admitted to prison. We give holidays to those people or families who have never had one before. We support a lot of women's refuges around Scotland with basic toiletry items and other gifts. We are trying to raise the awareness of domestic violence and have resources for church services for this. We are also a campaign group in Scotland.

To find out more please see our Scottish website www.muscotland.org.uk. If you could send any donations to Mrs Doreen Esnol, Mothers' Union Provincial treasurer, 26 Lochwood Park, Kingseat, Dunfermline, Fife, KY12 0UX it would be appreciated. Hilary Moran, Provincial President, 206 Greenock Rd, Largs, Ayrshire KA30 8SB, Tel 01475 686213, hilary.moran@btinternet.com
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BIBLE STUDY

ST JOHN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The St John's Study group will meet on Wednesdays 8th & 22nd February and 14th and 28th March at the back of the Cathedral from 12 noon to about 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome even if they have not been at the meetings before. Contact Rev Ian Walter (01631 564855).

Will you fulfil a mother's dream this Mothering Sunday the 18th March?

By giving an ethical gift from The Mothers' Union you will be remembering your mother as well as supporting work around the world. Phone 02072225533 or go to www.makeamothersday.org to order by **Wednesday 7 March** so that a card can be sent in time, or if it is a gift in memory of your mother, then a card in her name will be displayed in the chapel at Mary Sumner House in London (or the card can be sent to you direct). Here are some of the gift options:

- Practical help in time of crisis: £3
 - Technology top up - enables trainers and volunteers to communicate: £5
 - Help towards a travel grant for a Community Development Co-ordinator: £9
 - Support a volunteer in the UK and Ireland: £10
 - Care and support for those who have lost a loved one: £13
 - A better environment – help improve and sustain communities: £18
 - Train a leader – help pay for two months of leadership training for volunteers who will then be equipped to help lift a whole community out of poverty: £22
 - On the job training – supporting parents: £30
 - Sums for mums – help mothers learn vital financial skills that are helping to change lives: £40
- Where there is no mum – help train a home-based carer to support families who have nowhere else to turn: £100

VISIBILITY OBAN V.I. GROUP

For visually impaired people, family and friends

Come along and talk to us over a cup of tea. Find out more about local services and support. Try out some of the latest equipment. At Kilmore & Oban Church Centre 1.30pm to 3.30pm on the first Wednesday of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. Phone 01369 701066 for more details

WALKING WITH GOD

RETREATS AVAILABLE AT THE BIELD

February

2nd Journey into Healing
7th Big Silence-Silent Day at the Bield
10th Cup of Life-Imaging your Prayer
21st-25th Called to Listen Course
22nd Ash Wednesday noon day service

March

14th Big Silence-Silent Day at the Bield
23rd-25th Using Art Therapeutically
24th 2nd Half of Life

www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk; info@bieldatblackruthven.org.uk
01738 583238 The Bield at Blackruthven, Tibbermore, Perth PH1PY

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

CONTACT US

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COMMUNICATIONS

ARGYLL & THE ISLES MAGAZINE

Issues should be available for collection at Synod.

FACEBOOK

You are invited to submit photos for the Diocesan Facebook page . E-mail to Andrew Swift (rev.andrew@familyswift.org.uk) or Christine McIntosh (blethers@gmail.com)

DIOCESAN FEBRUARY DIARY

Wednesday 1st February– Building the Vision Task Group
Tuesday 6th March– Pre Synod Day Building the Vision
Tuesday 6th March– Synod Eucharist 5.30pm
Wednesday 7th March– Synod Day

The Provost is having further surgery to stretch his gullet. Hopefully that will improve his "voice".

IN TRAY

The March Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the **Diocesan Office**) – material to be received by Monday 20th February, 2012.

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