

**Diocesan Newsletter
for
Argyll and The Isles
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Dear Friends,

We hope that you have a wonderful, uplifting
Christmas and look forward to the New Year.

MUSIC

COPYRIGHT LICENSING

Certain changes have taken place this year to the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act. The result of this is that all churches which play sound recordings on their premises and / or during their activities may, subject to a number of exceptions, need a new PPL Church Licence. If a new PPL licence is needed it should be purchased by 1st January, 2012. Further guidance can be found at the Christian Copyright Licensing International website www.ccli.co.uk

LYME REGIS ORGAN SCHOOL WINTER WORKSHOP 16-18 February 2012:

The Glories of French Organ Music from 1600 to the present.

The workshop, led by Philip Scriven, includes lectures, recitals, masterclasses and personal study sessions. Participants will be able to play the new 3 manual Skrabl organ in Lyme Regis parish church, and also a Hauptwerk reproduction of the large Cavallé Coll in La Madelaine, Paris. Cost £160, not including accommodation. To obtain a leaflet, application form and further details, please contact Dr Richard Godfrey rgodfrey78@hotmail.com

DIOCESAN SYNOD

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

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. We are inviting a maximum of four people from each charge, including the Lay Reps. Details will be sent out in mid January. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

ARGYLL & THE ISLES MAGAZINE

Deadline 9th January. Articles are invited from all. E-mail kgschurch@googlemail.com

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)

WORKING WITH YOUNG FOLK

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE IN SCHOOLS -

maximising its potential

Half Day Regional Seminars

Stirling - Tuesday 24th January

Ayr-Tuesday 13th March

Education is not just a feeding of the mind but a cradling of the soul. These seminars are aimed at those responsible for delivering Religious Observance in Schools eg school staff, chaplains and education officials. Contact Lauren or Gail on 0131 5561500

RECYCLING

COMPUTER DISPOSAL

Computer Disposal Team collect all your unwanted redundant and surplus computers; Securely wipe all confidential data and remove all tags; dispose of the "end of life" equipment in an ethical manner in full accordance with environmental legislation. Re-usable equipment is remarketed in less developed countries while end of life equipment is stripped and sent for recycling. Contact computerdisposal@techlogic-uk.com or 0845 3700028

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN AID

PHILLIPINES TYPHOON APPEAL

Torrential rains brought by Typhoon Washi caused massive flooding and wide-spread damage to southern areas of the Phillipines—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 Phillipines 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

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Wednesday, 28th December 3pm in the Cathedral of The Isles, Cumbrae

PORVOO COMMUNION

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

**HELPING THE HOMELESS
POVERTY & HOMELESSNESS WEEK
28th Jan-5th Feb 2012**

Our world is filled with barriers between people. Barriers that prevent us from understanding one another. Churches and community projects can break these barriers. They can challenge prejudice, enable excluded people to live full lives and build a fairer world. Order or download resources from Church Action on Poverty 0161 2369321; www.church-poverty.org.uk info@church-poverty.org.uk; Dale House, 35 Dale St, Manchester M1 2HF

**HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY
29th January 2012**

Scottish Churches Housing Action invites churches to dedicate a cup of tea to homeless people. Funds gathered will be used for the Julius project, building volunteering to break down loneliness and isolation. Members of churches and their friends are asked to have a cup of tea (or coffee) and give a donation of £1 per cup. Please send contributions to Scottish Churches Housing Action, Free-post RSES-SABA-ZYJR, 44 Hanover St, Edinburgh EH2 2DR. Tel 0131 4774500; e-mail info@churches-housing.org; www.churches-housing.org

**BIBLE STUDY
Diocesan Study Group**

From now onwards, meetings of the Diocesan study group will be mainly by phone conference. **You can still join in.** All you need to do is contact Alison via the Diocesan Office or by email on alison@wordsinaction.net. The text is The Books of the New Testament by Ian Boxall. The group is a chaired discussion not a taught group. However we do have theological resources both in the group and as external support.

St John's Bible Study group

The St John's Study group is due to start again on Wednesday, 11th January meeting at the back of the Cathedral. They will continue looking at Colossians and resume at Chapter 2 Verse 16. Everyone is welcome even if they have not been at the meetings before. The discussion runs from about 12 noon to about 1.30pm. At the beginning, this was followed by eating lunch (brought from home) together but people have increasingly been leaving at the end

**CARE OF THE ELDERLY
The Future Challenges
for Elderly Care Services
in Scotland**

Wednesday
18th January,
Royal Terrace Hotel,
Edinburgh
Keynote speaker Nicola Sturgeon MSP
Older people are living longer and forming a greater proportion of the population. The challenge is not whether Scotland can afford the substantial costs for the "Reshaping Care for Older People" programme but whether it can afford not to.
Contact Jane on 0131 5561500

BIBLE STUDY cont'd

of the study itself, at 1.30pm and this may well be the pattern for the future. Contact Rev Ian Walter (01631 564855).

**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

WALKING WITH GOD

RETREATS AVAILABLE AT THE BIELD

January

13th-15th Using Art Therapeutically

29th Through Words and Wood—a Day with Prayer, Poetry and Trees

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

www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk; info@bieldatblackruthven.org.uk

01738 583238 The Bield at Blackruthven, Tibbermore, Perth PH1PY

Women Walking with God

Edinburgh International Conference Centre **2-3rd March 2012**. “Known...their names were never recorded, but Jesus knew them” Speakers: Elaine Storkey, Kay Cathcart, Tania Bright-Cook Worship Leader: Lou Fellingham & Phatfish. Visit www.womenwalkingwithgod.co.uk

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

St Moluag Booklets

These booklets (42 pages crammed full of information and illustrations) written by Niall, Coarb of St Moluag are available from the Diocesan Office. Funds raised have kindly been donated to the Diocese.

CONTACT US

The Diocesan Office will be close on Tuesday, 20th December and re-open on 9th January. Anyone with urgent business should contact their local Rector in the first instance. The answerphone will be checked from time to time.

The Provost continues to take part in Services in the Cathedral. He anticipates further surgery in January when a new speech valve will be fitted and his gullet stretched again.

Diocesan December Diary

Monday 9th January– Diocesan Office re-opens

Tuesday 24th January– Finance Committee

Tuesday 31st January– Standing Committee

IN TRAY

The February Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the **Diocesan Office**) – material to be received by Monday 23rd January, 2012.

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