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News from around the Diocese

The Queen's Jubilee—Celebrations continue on Cumbrae

Choral Weekend –

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Singers - come and join the Congregation for a Diocesan Choral Evensong on Saturday **18 August** at

3pm led by Bishop Kevin Ave Verum Corpus at the Pearson, Bishop of Argyll Morning Service and Serenade for Thirteen Wind Instruments in the afternoon.

celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Stay on until Sunday for a day of Mozart, Coronation Mass and

Further information from the Warden 01475 530353; cathedral_cumbrae@btinternet.com or visit

40th Annual Inveraray Ringing Festival—29th July



There will be four sessions of open ringing between Friday 27th July and Sunday 29th July.

Friday 6.00-8.00pm;
Saturday 2.00-4.30 & 6.00-7.30pm;
Sunday 1.30-3.30pm

Further information from Angela Deakin inveraray@sacra.org

Bishop Kevin will be involved in the associated service to be held at All Saints, Inveraray on the Sunday.

Institution of New Provost -

You are invited to the Institution and Installation of The Rev'd Nicola McNelly as Rector and Provost of St John's Ca-

thedral, 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. (Please inform the Office if you wish to process)

Music for a Summer Afternoon 2012

Concerts every Sunday at 3pm from 10th June—30th September at the Cathedral of The Isles, Isle of Cumbrae. Further information from the Warden 01475 530353; cathedral_cumbrae@btinternet.com or visit www.island-retreats.org

- 1st July—Alastair Savage Trio
- 8th July—Marcin Dylla—Guitar
- 15th July—John Kitchen –Organ
- 22nd July—Jane Guy- Contralto & Philip Button—Violin
- 29th July- Barbara Misiewicz Cello & Grace Mo –Piano
- 5th August—Kenneth Elliott Memorial Concert - St Maura Singers and friends

Lay Leadership Day

The date of our next Diocesan Lay Leadership Day has been fixed for Saturday **24th November**. Details will follow in our mailing list. Further information from Alison Clark, Diocesan Learning Officer 01700 500489; 07974744156; alison-clark52@gmail.com

Remember, remember, it isn't November!

This is not a weather related headline but a reminder that the **Diocesan Retreat** will take place this year from **23rd -26th October**. Consider booking your place before you go off in your campervan looking for the sun. The retreat will be open to all comers from September.

Hope in Small Things'

The College of the Holy Spirit, Cumbrae

We are delighted that this year our retreat director will be the Rev Canon Anne Dyer, rector of Holy Trinity Haddington and former Warden of Cranmer Hall, St John's College Durham. The theme she has chosen is 'Hope in Small Things'.

The parables of Jesus have lots to say to us

about finding God in the small circumstances of life. God clearly cares about the small details of our lives. Most of us are called to live small quiet lives of great faithfulness. To do this we must find and live in hope.

The seven addresses will explore the beauty and holiness of 'small things' and how we might find God in them. We will search for encouragement to persevere when our church and personal spiritual life might seem limited. The addresses will be accompanied by fine art images, as well as poetry and other writings that we can use for reflection.

We will arrive between 4-7pm on the Tuesday 23rd, departing after breakfast on Friday 26th.

As previously, places will be reserved for this Diocese until the end of August; the retreat will then be opened to all and advertised on the Island Retreats website. Secure your place now by contacting David Todd the Warden on 01475 530353 or emailing : cathedral.cumbrae@btconnect.com

The cost is £168.50, with a discount for sharing and a supplement for en suite. A £50 deposit is required. Please get in touch with the Bishop if financial constraints would prevent you from coming.

Note to clergy and leaders: please encourage your folk to take up this opportunity.

Lay Learning Study Group

The Diocesan study group will recommence in September and warmly invites new members to join.

We will read 'New Testament Interpretation' by Ian Boxall. This is a companion to his 'Books of the New Testament' which we have just completed, but it can stand alone. Everyone

enjoyed and benefited from Boxall's readable guide and is looking forward to the next (our sixth!) series of meetings.

John Roberts from St Margaret's Whiting Bay will take over the role of chairing the discussions and supporting the learning. I will be reading along and

joining in when I can.

The group currently numbers eight. Some choose to study in depth making notes and following up references; others read the chapters and enjoy the discussions. It's up to you. No tests, no prizes!

We meet by phone, face-

to-face and online using a simple private discussion forum. To find out more or sign up to the group, Contact Alison Clark on 01700

500489 or by email alison-clark52@gmail.com

Congratulations to Rev Kit Jarman

Rev Kit Jarman was ordained as Priest on 25th June, 1972 in Gloucester Cathedral. To mark the 40 years, Rev Kit celebrated the Eucharist in Gloucester Cathedral in accordance with the 1982 Scottish

liturgy on 25th June, 2012 together with family and friends.



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 un-

derstand 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

Diocesan Communications Group



The Diocesan Communications Group has been experimenting with different ways

to hold meetings. Most recently the meeting was via a Googleplus hangout. Five

members were in video communication with no telephone costs to the Diocese.

General Synod 2012

Minutes of the General Synod will be available in due course. In the meantime there is a special issue of Inspires online with

personal reflections of the eight sessions, including two by our very own Rev Andrew Swift. www.inspires.org.uk/subscribe

A brief report and all the papers can be found at www.scotland.anglican.org

Stop Climate Chaos Scotland—Briefing on Rio+20 “The future we want”

The world is facing multiple global crises of unprecedented scale. Climate change, the broader environmental crisis, unsustainable consumption of resources, escalating food prices, severe inequality within and between states and women and men, and the sustained financial meltdown are manifestations of an economic system which no-one can continue to claim is working.

Rio+20 is a platform for the international community to rewire its approach to sustainable development and poverty eradication. Governments must steer away from prioritising “the economy”, towards parity between the three pillars of sustainabil-

ity: the social, the environmental and the economic.

Rather than presenting a wish list, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland is calling for Scotland to help frame the paradigm shift needed to guarantee rights-based sustainable development for all.

Alternatives to growth— Scotland should champion patterns of sustainable consumption and support calls to end privileged lobbying access

Rights and Safeguards— Scotland should defend human rights; promote the Climate Justice Fund; emphasise the need for a just transition to production of low carbon goods and ser-

vices.

Global development framework— Scotland should promote Rio+20 as the launch pad for an inclusive, open process towards a new global framework for sustainable development; stress that sources of long term finance must be a part of negotiating this framework; commit support to global transparency regulations especially in the context of emerging “green” goods and services.

For more information contact Gail Wilson, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland Co-ordinator 0131 317 4112; gail@stopclimatechaosscotland.org; www.stopclimate

Congratulations to Rev Calum Lindsay

Rev Calum Lindsay was ordained Priest on Sunday,

24th June in London. Calum is a former member of

St John’s Cathedral Oban.

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

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	Cramond Kirk, Edinburgh

**Godly Play Scotland, Duddingston Kirk Manse, Old Church Lane,
Edinburgh EH15 3PX Tel: 07957 885930
e-mail: admin@godlyplayscotland.co.uk**

National Parenting Initiative

The National Parenting Initiative is a coordinated attempt to unite as many churches as possible throughout the UK to run a parenting course at some point during 2012. The issue of parenting had recently come to the forefront of the UK media with events such as the riots over the summer in London and the Children’s Society’s ‘Good Childhood Report’. A number of church leaders felt that the timing was right for a united church effort to significantly impact our society in the area of parenting.

At this moment, we have over 430 different churches participating with only

three in Scotland. As this is a UK wide initiative, we would greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word in Scotland. By joining together as a united church we hope to create a huge number of outreach opportunities and help transform family life across the UK. Hillsong church have built the NPI website: www.thenpi.org.uk - here you will find all the background information and a promotional video. We will launch the website to the public so that any parent who goes to the website and enters their postcode will be presented with a number of local parenting programmes. This is a combined church effort

spanning many denominations and partnering with many different parenting course providers. They key to this initiative is churches are welcome to choose any parenting programme they wish.

If you, or one of your team could spare 15 minutes to talk about the NPI more in depth and whether we can partner with you in this initiative. please feel free to get in touch with any questions you may have .

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Public Entertainment Licences: Important Changes

From 1st April 2012, the requirement for a Public Entertainment Licence has been extended to events at which the public is admitted without charge (previously it only applied to events which required “payment of money or money’s worth”). This change requires us to review whether churches/halls now require such a Licence for events.

A local Council may require a Licence if the premises are used as “a place where members of the public are admitted

or may use any facilities for the purpose of entertainment or recreation”. This potentially covers concerts, exhibitions, discos and a long list of other activities. However, there is still an exemption for premises belonging to or occupied by a religious body “while being used wholly or mainly for purposes connected with that body”; this would appear to exempt many church activities on our own premises.

Because the Regulations are complex it is not possible to give generic advice that covers all our congregations (which are split across a number of council areas). If vestries are in any doubt they should contact their Local Authority. Local Authority websites contain information – some being more helpful than others.

It would be helpful to know of any experiences across the Diocese, so if you do have a Licence or if you have had any interaction with your Local Authority, please inform Dr Peter Kemp at the Diocesan Office.

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NEWSLETTER

The August Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the Diocesan Office) – material to be received at the Diocesan Office (e-mail above) by Monday 23rd July 2012.

WEBSITE

www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk

FACEBOOK

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

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

Wanted - Two way Communication

A member from each Charge is asked to be responsible for e-mailing Diocesan Newsletters and other communications around their congregation and to print out and distribute hard copies to those unable or unwilling to receive commu-

nications via e-mail. They are also asked to send material to the Diocesan Office for inclusion in the Newsletter or for alternative distribution.

Please contact the Diocesan Office to volunteer!

Diocesan Centre—Summer Holidays

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

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.

