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News from around the Diocese

Jubilee Choral Evensong - 3pm - 2nd June 2012

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the United Kingdom will be celebrated by the United Diocese of Argyll and The Isles in the form of Choral Evensong Service of Thanksgiving to be held at 3pm in St John's Cathedral in Oban on Saturday 2nd June. The Bishop will officiate and all are very welcome!

Institution of New Provost - 31st August

Rev Nicki McNelly will be instituted as Provost of St John's Cathedral, Oban on Friday 31st August at 6pm. All are very welcome to attend. 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)

New Warden for Bishop's House, Iona

Toben Lewis has been appointed as the new Warden for Bishop's House. Originally a graphic designer from Canada, Toben feels at home in Scotland and he and his fiancée, Sarah, particularly like living on Iona. We wish them both well.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Just over £800 has been received so far. Thank you to those who have been so generous. We look forward to receiving the remaining contributions.

be channelled through property belonging to the Church of Central Africa. Please send cheques or arrange payments through the diocesan centre.

Funds raised this year will be used 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

Further information from www.uspg.org.uk

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.com

10th June—Angela Browridge - Piano
17th June—Paul Livingston -Violin; Ian Watt—Guitar
24th June—Telemann Ensemble
1st July—Alastair Savage Trio



Fabritius – Goldfinch (1664)

The little bird of the Passion

Diocesan Retreat: 23rd - 26th October 2012

'Hope in Small Things' in hope.

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

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 that the date is earlier than usual by a week thus allowing those to attend who are normally prevented by responsibilities at the feasts of All Souls and all Saints.

Very Rev Norman MacCallum: Retirement

The Very Rev Norman MacCallum retired at the end

of April. The occasion was marked by a presentation.

We wish him and Barbara well for their future.

Argyll & The Isles Magazine

The Spring-Summer edition is due in the very near future. After much consideration, it has been decided that this will be

the last issue of the Diocesan Magazine for the time being while we see how all our various means of communication work together.

We thank Rev Ken Skipper for all the work he has put in over the years providing a valuable service to the diocese and charges.

In Memoriam: Mrs Beth Fallows

We are sorry to hear that mother, Beth died recently. Rev Adrian Fallow's Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Annual Gift Day—Sunday 24th June

Every charge within the Scottish Episcopal Church is asked to take a special collection in aid of the Church's Community Fund. Where possible this can be maximised through the use of Gift Aid.

Established in the 1980's, this fund is designed to

make small, one-off grants to people in desperate need who cannot find help elsewhere. It is run from the General Synod Office and is funded by donations from individuals and congregations.

It has helped many people to but basic items of furniture as well as winter clothing and shoes for children, and given some financial assistance to enable people to take up employment. The letters of thanks received show that it has made an enormous difference to many lives.

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 Glendonald 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.

VAT Reclaim—repairs & alterations

After lobbying (mainly from the C of E), the government is changing the VAT reclaim scheme for repairs and alterations.

At present we have to pay VAT on all work and try to claim it back – you get back a capped percentage. Churches have been getting approximately 50%

payment

The treasury are now topping up the scheme (as church alterations are added to its scope) – but by £30m per year, to a level where they anticipate that ALL VAT will be paid (see link below).

In real terms, for any eligible project (and the

types of work that are eligible are presented on the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme website), this reduces the costs to be borne by fund-raising by 10% equivalent. The payments will also be made monthly rather than quarterly, much better for cash flow!

www.lpwscheme.org.uk

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 Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI) provides protection by presence, monitors human rights abuses, supports Israeli and Palestinian peace activists and advocates for an end to the occupation.

Ecumenical Accompaniers

Working as Human Rights Observers

Based in the West Bank and Israel in 2013:

18 vacancies for 3 months' service

2 vacancies for 4.5 months' service

living allowance + benefits



Deadline for applications: **21st June 2012**

For more information and to download an application pack please check our website: www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi.

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 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. On Father's Day in June or once we have 1000 churches participating (whichever comes first) 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 com-

bined church effort spanning many denominations and partnering with many different parenting course providers. The 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 .

Contact: Jessica Jennings
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www.alpha.org

Mental Health Modernisation in Argyll & Bute

Argyll & Bute Community Health Partner- Campbeltown—Wed **13th June** -Town
ship is holding a number of public infor- Hall 3pm—7pm
mation drop in events to ensure that
members of the public are kept up to Oban—Thurs **14th June**—Corran Halls,
date with the latest developments in the Theatre Suite 3pm—7pm
modernisation of Mental Health services Dunoon—Tues **19th June**—Queens Hall,
across Argyll & Bute. Balmoral Room 3pm—7pm

ACTS Network and Conference for FE Chaplains

ACTS' website now has a tab for "FE Chaplains".

This tab leads to information about the support network for Chaplains in Scottish FE Colleges and to the programme for a Conference for the new support network which is to be held in Glasgow on **June 18th**.

ACTS Planning Group

regards the provision of spiritual care in Scotland's Colleges as being of particular importance when the Colleges are carrying out major re-organisation to regional centres. The Conference on June 18th will be an opportunity for people interested in joining spiritual care teams to learn more about what is in-

involved.

The programme of the Conference also includes an opportunity for members of Spiritual Care Teams and administrators to comment on a draft of a set of Guidelines for the provision of spiritual care in Colleges.

www.acts-scotland.org

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 pos-

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

WEBSITE

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.org.uk](http://www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk)

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General Synod, 2012

General Synod will take place in
Edinburgh during the first week in
June. It is possible to follow the

discussions on the Provincial web-
site (from which papers can be
downloaded) and on Twitter. Our

Diocesan representatives will report
back after the event.