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News from around the Diocese

Building the Vision - the end of year one!

We are fast approaching the pre-Synod day when we come together to share our visions. Almost every congregation will have participated in the Building the Vision sessions. If you are planning to come, make sure you have sent in your return sheet to Sue at the office. Every congregation will have a place reserved so do come

along – even if you have still to complete the process. Bring any photos or leaflets for your table – just be sure to let us know.

The morning will feature a 'market place' and a panel discussion; in the afternoon we will look forward to Year 2 'Equipping for the Vision' when the focus will be on

how we can support each other to go on learning as disciples journeying together.

All our volunteer visitors will be there. We are hugely indebted to them for their gifts of time and talents.

Any questions? Contact Alison Clark:
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Diocesan Synod 2012

All members of Synod should have received their Synod Papers. Let the Office know if you have not yet received yours.

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.

At the Pre-Synod Day on 6th March, we will celebrate the work we have

all been doing. Invitations have been sent out for a maximum of four people from each charge, including the Lay Reps. Please contact the Diocesan Office (01631-570870) with numbers or any queries.

The Isle of Lewis Welcomes Shona Boardman

The Collation and Licensing of the Rev Shona Boardman as the priest in charge of St Peter's Stornoway and St Moluag's Eoropaidh was conducted by Bishop Kevin on 17th February

at St Peter's, Stornoway.

The choir (well, some of them) and organist of St John's, Princes Street assisted at the eucharist.

A large congregation of members, visitors, ecu-

menical colleagues and other supporters gathered to welcome the new priest in charge.

After the service, a lively reception was held in the Caladh Hotel in Stornoway.

Change at Bishop's House Iona

At the end of February Ben Cooke finished as warden of Bishop's House, Iona. He, Justine

and baby Theresa leave the diocese with all best wishes and thanks for the hard work they have

given to Island Retreats. A new warden will be sought for the coming season and onwards.

**"Remember:
Mothering
Sunday this
year is
March
18th
2012"**

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

New Bishop for Zanzibar

The Anglican Church of Tanzania, Diocese of Zanzibar is a companion link to our diocese of Argyll and The Isles.

The Consecration of Rev Fr Michael Hafidh as the

10th Bishop of Zanzibar will take place at a special consecration Mass at the Historical Zanzibar Anglican Cathedral, Mkunazini (situated at the former Slave Market Site). The consecration

will take place at 9am on Sunday 15th April 2012.

Please keep the bishop-elect, our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Africa in your prayers.

Mothering Sunday: Mothers' Union

MU Scotland would like 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.

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. We give holidays to those people or families who have never had one before. We support a lot of women's refuges around Scotland. We are trying to raise the awareness of domestic violence. We are also a campaign group in Scotland.

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).

To find out more please see our Scottish website www.muscotland.org.uk.

Rev Dr Keith Riglin at Lochgilphead

The Rev Dr Keith Riglen is acting as Interim Rector for Christ Church Lochgilphead. He will be based in the diocese for several weeks as he

works with the vestries and congregations of the charges in that area to help them identify their priorities and their way forward. Keith, who has

many years of ministry experience in a wide variety of contexts, will shortly return to a role south of the border.

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. Booking form available from Diocesan Office or download from www.bridgepastoral.org.uk
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Walking with God

RETREATS AT THE BIELD

March

14th *Big Silence-Silent
Day at the Bield*

23rd-25th *Using Art
Therapeutically*

24th *2nd Half of Life*

www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk

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The Bield at
Blackruthven

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
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Action of Churches Together in Scotland

**Children’s Conference
Series** continues into
2012. The Working with
Children in the Church
Community Core Group
has decided to hold the
next in its series of Con-
ferences on **24th No-
vember in Edinburgh.**

The Core Group’s Confer-
ences are designed to
provide support for those
who work in their congre-
gations with children of
primary school age while
offering fresh ideas and

renewed inspiration.

Programme details and
venue will be sent out
through church channels
later in the year and will
also be posted on ACTS
website ([www.acts-
scotland.org](http://www.acts-scotland.org))

**Easter Resource from
ACTS.** This annual re-
source is free from ACTS
website [www.acts-
scotland.org](http://www.acts-
scotland.org).

Norah Summers, from
ACTS Church Life Net-

work is in the process of
preparing it for publica-
tion this year. Copies will
also be available in paper
copy to purchase.

An email alert will be
sent to all those regis-
tered, but please keep an
eye on ACTS website in
the weeks to come.

**“Join
others as
we make
our
spiritual
journeys
together”**

Godly Play: a wonderful way of teaching children about God through interactive story-telling



News From Godly Play Scotland

Discovery Day

Want to know about this thing called Godly Play? Come along and learn about it at a Discovery

Day: **Sat 10 Mar 2012,**
Portobello, Edinburgh:
St Mark's, Scottish

Episcopal Church
Timing : 9.00 – 1.00
Cost: £10 per head, including coffee.

Going Deeper Day - Storytelling Materials

A chance to look at, touch, work with and wonder about the different materials available from many sources. A

chance to think about different options, before you buy or make.
Sat 31 March
Godly Play Centre,

Duddingston Kirk
Time; 10.00 – 4.00
Cost: £12 including coffee and a light lunch

Making Materials Day

We are hoping to offer more of these in the near future. This day provides the basic tools and materials to let you (painlessly!) end up with good quality, robust and inexpensive materials. It

is particularly helpful for those just starting up in Godly Play.

Saturday 12 May 2012,
Carnoustie

Venue to be confirmed.

Booking is essential.
Timing – 10.00 – 4.00
Cost - £12, plus the cost of the materials you make. Lunch is included.

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 sup-

port. 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.

Eco-congregation AGM 2012

Bridge of Allan Parish Church Halls, Keir Street, Bridge of Allan, FK9 4QJ

21st Apr, 10am to 4pm
A light lunch will be served.

The theme of our 2012 Annual Gathering is 'Behaviour Change', look-

ing at local and global issues of sustainable living.

We are delighted to welcome Stewart Stevenson MSP Minister for Environment and Climate Change as our keynote speaker.

Please register now.

Email:
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Religious Observance in Schools

Religious Observance: is your School maximizing its potential? unique resources built by Ken and Ewan to assist in the delivery.

Half Day Seminar Series – Ayr Well run and carefully planned Religious Observance has huge potential to help make sense of Curriculum for Excellence and be a place where young people are helped to understand who they are and what they might be.

Tuesday 13th March 2012

Castlehill Parish Church, Ayr (limited places)

Delegate fee £99 plus VAT

Who Should Attend?

These seminars are aimed at those with a responsibility for delivering Religious Observance in schools. The seminar will provide practical examples of what works and what does not. Engaging the children in the experience is an essential element to make RO delivery successful. All delegates will be given

Speakers

Ewan Aitken, Church of Scotland, former CoSLA spokesperson on Education and Convenor of Education in Edinburgh

Ken Coulter, Project Leader, Glasgow Outreach, Scripture Union Scotland speakers please visit our website

Topics for Discussion

Religious Observance: what's it like in your school?

What we mean by Religious Observance in schools?

What we hope to achieve with Religious Observance in schools

Workshop Sessions: what can we do with Religious Observance in our schools?

Plenary Session: what next and how?

To view the detailed programme for the half day seminar please visit our website.

For further information contact Lauren or Gail on 0131 556 1500 or visit our website, www.mackayhannah.com

"Religious Observance is where schools can really explore what it means to be nurturing responsible citizens."

Professor Tony Coxon

Professor Tony Coxon, who had a significant involvement in life of the Scottish Episcopal Church, passed away on 7 February.

An obituary from the Institute of Social & Economic Research in Essex: A Professor in Sociology and Health Studies, who worked at Essex from 1986 to 2002, Tony

Coxon was the first director of the ESRC Research Centre on Micro-social Change (now ISER), which was created in 1989 as the home of the British Household Panel Survey.

Professor Coxon was Honorary Professor at Cardiff University, and also Emeritus Professor of Sociological Research Methods, University of Wales

(since 1988) and Professorial Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh (since 2002).

His funeral was held on Tuesday, 21 February, at the Church of St Andrew and St Teilo, Cathays, Cardiff Any donations should go to War on Want. Please contact Kirstie Coxon, e-mail: kirstiecoxon@gmail.com

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Communications

NEWSLETTER

This edition has been given a new format with some colour images and a new layout. Please feed back on how you get on with it to the diocesan office.

The April Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the Diocesan Office) – material to be received by Monday 19th March, 2012.

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Hashtag #AaTI If you know what that means you know what that means!

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