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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 come to a head on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd June 2012. The United Diocese of Argyll and The Isles is celebrating this momentous occasion with a special Diocesan Choral Evensong to be held at 3pm in St John's Cathedral in Oban on Saturday 2nd June. The Interim Provost of the Cathedral (Bishop Kevin) will be officiating at the service, and all are very welcome!

For more details contact the diocesan office on 01631 570870.

### Successful Inveraray Diamond Jubilee Double Peal

On 21st April, a band from the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a double peal on the Inveraray bells to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on her birthday. This involved ringing continuously for 7 hours 13 minutes and is the longest peal ever rung in Scotland. It is also the heaviest ring of 10 bells that has been rung for over 10,000 changes anywhere in the world. The bells at All Saints, Inveraray are widely regarded as one of the finest rings of bells in the world and we are fortunate to have them in the Diocese. There are unfortunately no local ringers but ringers visit Inveraray from all over the world for the opportunity to ring them. The band on April 21st was drawn from the Ancient Society of College Youths, which is a London-based society established in 1637 with an international membership and is widely acknowledged as the world's premier ringing society.

### Diocesan Retreat: 23rd - 26th October 2012

#### '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'. 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 be 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 [cathdral\\_cumbrae@btconnect.com](mailto:cathdral_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.

## Website update - Bishop's Sermon & Synod

The diocesan website has been updated with the latest information and addresses from the Argyll and The Isles Diocesan Synod 2012.

Bishop Kevin's sermon at

the Synod eucharist and his Charge to the synod are both now available.

The notes from the 'Indaba'-style discussions on the Anglican Covenant are also available on the

website 'News and Events' page.

Please use the link:

[http://  
www.argyllandtheisles.  
org.uk/events.html](http://www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk/events.html)

## Diocesan Prayer Cycle

The latest Diocesan Prayer Cycle is now available in several formats and media.

For hard copy in A4, A5 and pocket size (A6) versions please contact the Office in Oban if you

would like a copy or for any requests for future editions.

## St John's Cathedral Oban: Bible Study Group

The St Johns' Oban Bible Study group meet in the narthex at St Johns, Oban from 12-1:30 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month after the 11:00 Communion Service and vary in number from 5 - 12 partici-

pants. We start with a cup of tea or coffee and then get down to our study. As we get to know and trust one another, the discussions are becoming deeper and more meaningful. The group is open to all and

we welcome new members, our aim is to enrich and deepen our spiritual lives so do consider joining us. Forthcoming meetings: May 9th & 23rd.

## A Conversation with Scripture

led by Br Stephen Smyth,  
General Secretary

of ACTS (Action of Churches Together in Scotland)

Thursday 10 May 2012 7:00 – 9:00 pm

VENUE: CHURCH OF SCOTLAND PARISH CHURCH Glencruitten Road, Oban.

Br Stephen is a Marist Brother (RC Religious) and General Secretary of ACTS. He is also part of the ecumenical Contextual Bible Study Group (CBS). CBS brings people together for a conversation-based encounter with Scripture and with one another. No previous knowledge or expertise required – just an openness to exploring the Scriptures together. You are warmly invited to take part in our evening of conversation.

7.00 pm onwards Tea and Coffee

7.30 pm Conversation with Scripture begins

Everyone is welcome to come along and to share in what promises to be yet another unforgettable evening. Br Stephen visits Churches Together Groups all over Scotland as part of his ecumenical work through ACTS sharing in Conversation with Scripture. He has been to Oban twice before.

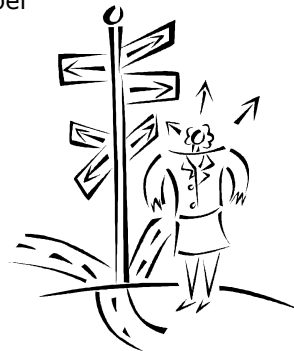
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## Mothers' Union Scotland

Advance notice: You are invited to  
THE MU SCOTTISH GATHERING 2012  
Fri 5th October - Sat 6th October

to go on  
"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](http://www.muscotland.org.uk)

Scottish Charity No. SC036459

## "Friends of Cathedral Music" in Argyll and The Isles?

The Friends of Cathedral Music exist "to safeguard a priceless heritage and to support a living tradition".

FCM has achieved much in the last fifty years but in order to maintain the

excellence of the church's musical heritage, the plan is to have a Diocesan representative in every diocese in Britain.

At present the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles does not have a repre-

sentative, so, if anyone who is interested in the furtherance of church music would like to find out more, full details are available on the FCM website: [www.fcm.org.uk](http://www.fcm.org.uk) or contact Canon Keith Pagan (01586 830310).

## 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 Glenalmond 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.

## Gift Aid Declaration Changes

HMRC requires new Gift Aid declarations to include an explicit confirmation that the donor has paid enough Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax to cover the amount that ALL charities and

CASCs they donate to will reclaim for that tax year. Council tax and VAT do not count and the donor understands the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that they have given (28p on

every pound given for donations up to 5 April 2008).

[http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift\\_aid/declarations.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift_aid/declarations.htm)

## **Heart and Soul 2012: Princes Street**

Instead of the traditional Garden Party following the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, there will be an ecumenical event in Princes Gardens, Edinburgh on 20th May from 1-5pm to which all are welcome. Part of this will be a number of family events put on by Barnabas (sponsored by CEAS) held in St John's Church, Princes Street.

[www.](http://www.heartandsoul2012.org.uk)

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## **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-

cluded.

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](http://www.acts-scotland.org)

## **THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE: 18th May 2012**

### **How to make your Church Buildings work for the Congregation and the Community**

#### **WHO WILL BENEFIT?**

The conference, which is organized by the Church Buildings Renewal Trust, will be of interest to community groups, congregations, professionals, church groups, religious organisations and individuals with an interest in church buildings

The conference speakers will give practical information with examples of solutions to various problems facing those re-

sponsible for church buildings today to give those buildings new life

#### **WHERE and WHEN IS IT BEING HELD?**

St Andrew's in the Square  
1 St Andrew's Square  
Glasgow  
G1 5PP

The conference fee is £30 per delegate, by cheque made payable to:

"The Church Buildings Renewal Trust"

To book a place please contact Karen Dunn at St Andrew's in the Square for an application form, and return the form before 7th May 2012 to Karen at the above address.

For details email: Karen Dunn:

[admin@standrewsinthesquare.com](mailto:admin@standrewsinthesquare.com)

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](http://www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi).

(Please note that we will not be sending hard copies of the application pack and we can only receive electronic forms).



### Public Entertainment Licences: Important Change

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 most places of worship but may not exempt church halls.

Because the Regulations are complex it is not possible to give generic ad-

vice 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 (Diocesan Secretary) at the Diocesan Office.

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## Communications

### NEWSLETTER

The June Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the Diocesan Office) – material to be received at the Diocesan Office (e-mail above) by Monday 21st May 2012.

### WEBSITE

[www.argyllandtheisles.org.uk](http://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](http://www.scotland.anglican.org)

### ONLINE INSPIRES

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

### Diocesan Magazine:

Copy to Rev Ken Skipper [kgschurch@googlemail.com](mailto:kgschurch@googlemail.com) by Tuesday 29th May.

## Bishop's Lent Appeal

Funds raised this year will be channelled through USPG to help persecuted Anglicans in Zimbabwe. Anglicans are being persecuted by excommunicated bishop Dr Nolbert Kunonga who wants to set up his own church using property belonging to the Church of Central Africa. Please send cheques or arrange payments through the diocesan centre.

Further information from [www.uspg.org.uk](http://www.uspg.org.uk)