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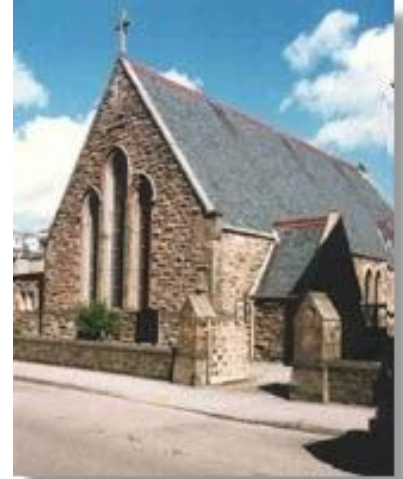
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News from around the Diocese

St Kieran's, Campbeltown

On the last Sunday of January the congregation at St Kieran's, Campbeltown, marked the annual remembrance of Scotland's national bard – Robert Burns. Tunes associated with Burns' songs - My love is like a red, red rose, O a' the airts the wind can blaw and Ye banks and braes were played as voluntaries and the gospel was read in Scots. In the 17th century many Lowland Scottish farming families settled in Kintyre and the (Lorne and) Lowland Church of Scotland owes its origin to that plantation 300 + years ago. On the following day a good representation of church leaders (14 in all) gathered for their monthly fellowship meeting in the Ardshiel Hotel and the topics for discussion were the arrangements for Good Friday – a procession of witness down the Main Street leading to a devotional service at St Kieran's – and a spirited discussion about the complexities of human sexuality with special reference to same-sex marriages. On the Sunday before Lent, suitable Chinese music was played as voluntaries to celebrate the Chinese New Year. A week later we concluded our study of the Compass Course. We had spread that out over 10 sessions and everyone enjoyed the discussions which it created.



Christ Church, Lochgilphead – A History

It has been suggested that it is high time Christ Church had a new guide and history which could be available for visitors. The last printed one was titled 'The first 130 years' and so is about 36 years out of date. I have therefore started amassing the assorted Church books, leaflets, printed information, hand written notes – even young Master Lawrence's RE homework! – with a view to collecting it all together into an interesting booklet. I have also been consulting the *Argyllshire Advertiser* which is available on microfilm at Lochgilphead Library. Sadly, the newspaper's first issue was in 1887, some thirty years after the founding of Christ Church, but notices and news items about our Church appear fairly regularly. On July 1st it was noted that:



There are a good number of visitors in the town. Houses have been let pretty freely.. We understand Bishopton has also been let.

But the first item to really catch the eye— and attract the notice of many townspeople of the day— was the entry of July 15th 1887:

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**Services for Sunday 7th April, 2013
0500hrs Holy Communion
Tengboche Monastery, near Mount Everest, Nepal—3750m**



Please come and join me, or, alternatively sponsor me.



**Money raised will go to AGE Nepal
(www.agenepal.org.np)**

A school for children with neurological disorders in Kathmandu

And St. John's Cathedral

**Please make cheques payable to
St. John's Cathedral
(Gift Aid if you can!)
Thank you!**

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Christ Church, Lochgilphead – A History (cont'd from Page 1)

Cont.... (from 1887) Episcopal Church Bazaar

It is intended to hold a bazaar on 30th & 31st August next, the proceeds of which are to effect some necessary alterations in Christ Church, and for liquidating the debt remaining on Bishopton. The bazaar, we understand, will be under very distinguished patronage, and among the stall holders will be the Hon. Mrs. Gathorne Hardy, Lady Campbell Orde of Kilmory, Mrs Campbell of Inverneil, and Miss Campbell of Auchindarroch. Mr. McEwan, Bank House, Lochgilphead has kindly consented to act as secretary and Mrs. MacEwan will receive contributions of work.

Alterations to the Church and debts on Bishopton? Whatever next!

By July 29th this is how the editor was drumming up support:

The Episcopal Church Bazaar gives promise of being a good thing. The one unfortunate thing is that the Flower Show and the Bazaar happen on the same day and consequently the latter is to be held in the grounds of Auchindarroch. If the weather be good, this no doubt will be very pleasant, but if the 'gods' be unpropitious what shall be the result? The Lochgilphead stall is to be presided over by the Misses Campbell, assisted by the ladies of the town; and the Ardrishaig stall is under the care of Mrs Campbell of Inverneil who will also have the assistance of ladies from 'The Point'. Considering the great support the promoters of the bazaar gave to the one held for the benefit of the Established Church, I trust that the members of the latter body will remember that "one good turn deserves another!"

Was it a success? Did it rain? Read all about it in next month's 'Buzz', but in the meantime the text of the large advert which appeared on August 26th will be available on the Christ Church Blog – do have a look. Polly Hamilton

In the Footsteps of St Columba

14 – 19 October 2013

Led by Reverend Joyce Watson, Bishop's House, Isle of Iona

This year marks the 1450th anniversary of St. Columba's arrival on Iona. Enjoy autumn on Iona while learning more about this great man, as told by his follower St. Adamnan and brought back to life with relevance for our lives today by Reverend Joyce Watson. Ample time will be provided to explore the island, relax by the open fire, attend the daily services, and enjoy our wholesome home cooking. Only £325 per person for five nights with full board (single supplement may be applicable depending on availability). Longer stays can be arranged with the Warden if desired. Email iona@island-retreats.org or call 01681 700111 for bookings or further information.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

The Bishop's Lent Appeal this year is in aid of the education of girls in the developing world. The idea is to raise sufficient funds to sponsor two girls, one in Asia, one in Africa through five year's of secondary education and support Millennium Goal 3 of the Scottish Episcopal Church (Promote Gender Equality & Empower Women). Educating girls may be the single highest return investment available in the developing world. The benefits of women's education go beyond higher productivity for 50 percent of the population. More educated women also tend to be healthier, participate more in the formal labour market, earn more income, have fewer children, and provide better health care and education to their children, all of which eventually improve the well being of all individuals and lift households out of poverty. These benefits also transmit across generations, as well as to their communities at large. (From Educating Girls: what works by Barbara Herz [US Embassy publication])

Faith in Action

In March we are asked to consider Asylum Seekers.

It is important to consider several popular myths found in the printed media. Many newspapers place particular rhetorical emphasis on the "hordes" of people attempting to seek asylum in the "soft touch" UK. However, the actual proportion of people applying for asylum to the UK is actually a minute percentage of the overall worldwide number of asylum seekers and the UNHCR calculates that the UK receives less than 0.5% of the total world population of refugees.

Prayers

Almighty God,

Through your Son, Jesus Christ we are called to serve the marginalised and vulnerable within our society.

Give us Your gift of Grace that we might share in the plight of asylum seekers and refugees and open our hearts to them, that Your love may be known:

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

We remember that the Holy Family fled to find a place of safety.

We pray for all families who find themselves taking enormous risks in order to secure a safer future for their children.

Guide their decision making and their actions.

May they find for themselves the safety and security that St Joseph was able to find for his family.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

We hold before you children throughout our world who are separated from their parents because of asylum issues.

We pray for children who find themselves in places where no-one understands their language or who are effectively imprisoned in a detention centre.

We pray that they will be able to reclaim their childhood rights and be enabled to grow in love for You as they grow in years

In Jesus' name. Amen

We remember all those who work with asylum seekers.

We pray that they will be helped to respect the humanity of each person they meet; that they will find ways to ensure that people are helped to express themselves and to be clear about their need—physical, psychological and spiritual;

That they will recognise the risen Christ in each person they meet.

In His name. Amen

(Copied from the leaflet produced by the Church in Society Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church in Scotland and the Church and society Committee of the United Reformed Church Synod of Scotland) Further information and practical ideas available from [www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/church in society committee/faith in action prayer guide/](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/church%20in%20society/committee/faith%20in%20action%20prayer%20guide/)

Welfare Reform— the biggest change to benefits in modern times

Faith in Community Scotland, one of the Scottish Episcopal Church's strategic partners in Church in Society work has produced a leaflet about the up-coming Welfare Reform Act and how the changes will impact on the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in our society. The leaflet can be downloaded at www.faithincommunityscotland.org in the "what we do" section.

Faith in Community Scotland is an anti-poverty organisation founded in 2005. Its

board, staff and volunteers are a dynamic team from across the Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh communities. It has a huge level of experience within the public, private and voluntary sectors. It shares a commitment and passion to reducing poverty in Scotland. (reprinted from Inspires)

2buy2 *enabling the Church to save together!*

Buying together in order to save together sounds great in theory but how do we start? Now the national church, is promoting a new service to help you. **2buy2** aims to take the stress out of buying many of the key products and services that our churches use by offering you access to national contracts to help you save time and money, and offer you peace of mind in knowing that all suppliers have been thoroughly reviewed and are regularly monitored.

2buy2 are providing a similar service to the Church of England and Church in Wales (via the Parish Buying initiative), the Catholic Church of England and Wales, the Methodist Church and other denominations and Christian charities throughout the UK.

From the energy needed to heat and light the church through to paper for the service sheets, the Church, as a whole in the UK, spends tens of millions each year on these kinds of operational costs. Churches usually make these purchases independently and don't benefit from our overall combined purchasing power. The 2buy2 service is changing this by bringing these spends together and negotiating favourable deals from approved suppliers.

The national contracts include:

- **Electricity and Gas** – as well as scanning the market for best price, the supplier will check you are not overpaying VAT or CCL. You can also buy "green" for less than you may think.
- **Heating Oil** – offering a guaranteed level of service, high priority delivery, and transparent daily pricing.
- **Photocopiers** – offering a range of devices, with carefully vetted contracts and very competitive click charges covering all consumables (except paper).
- **Stationery** – free next day delivery with no minimum order. Demonstrated average savings of up to 35% when compared with standard catalogue pricing.
- **IT Software** – giving access to the best charity pricing for Microsoft, Adobe and others.
- **Fire Safety** – a range of products including Ecclesiastical Insurance approved fire extinguishers which do not require annual maintenance for 10 years.

This service aims to support you in your stewardship by reducing costs and releasing resource for your mission and ministry! To find out more register at www.2buy2.com ; or email the 2buy2 team at enquiries@2buy2.com.

Mothering Sunday

The Mothers' Union produces resources for Mothering Sunday on 10th March. They have a Family Service that you can use or dip into, there are children's activities and prayers. We also have a fundraising ethical giving leaflet that I would hope to give to people who might want to donate to the Mothers' Union. The link to these resources is here. <http://www.makeamothersday.org/mothering-sunday-resources>

Santiago Pilgrimage

Rev Michael Paterson, SEC priest and veteran pilgrim is offering to lead small groups of 8 pilgrims along the Camino de Santiago in 2013.

French Option— 7 days

Cathedral of Le Puy to Abbey of Conques

Spanish Option— 9 days

Knights Templar Castle of Ponferrada to Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela
Visit www.joiningthedots.org.uk or contact Michael@joiningthedots.org.uk for more details. See an article on the pilgrimage in the Autumn edition of Inspires.

34th German Kirchentag, Hamburg 1st to 5th May 2013

2,500 events over five days. 100,000 full-time visitors. 30,000 active participants. This is the German Protestant Kirchentag.

As much manna as you need is the theme for the 2013 Kirchentag. How much do we actually need to live? What will cities of the future look like? What's our responsibility to the world of economics and global finance? What are the resources for stable democracy? How do we work together and dialogue with other faith communities? How can we create a successful society that meets the needs of all people? There is a small subsidy available from the ICRC or ACTS towards a person's costs and it is a fantastic event and suitable for all ages. No knowledge of German is required.

These are just some of the issues the Kirchentag will address, woven together with culture, discussion, new friendships and a variety of opportunities to worship God together. So it's a great opportunity for individuals and groups to meet with people from all over the world. Feedback from previous participants is that although it is very useful to have a knowledge of the German language, it is not a necessity.

Accommodation in private homes can be arranged for a small administration fee. Those wishing to stay in hotels have to make their own arrangements. An admission pass for five days costs 89 Euros, which includes programme booklet, songbook, city map and free use of public transport in Hamburg. A reduced pass for the same period costs 49 Euros for visitors under 26, students, people with a disability, or retired people.

You can register as an individual: <http://www.kirchentag.de>

Or join a group and find out about subsidies, especially for young people (under 30) from both the SEC and ACTS, by contacting John Lindsay: johnlindsay@gofast.co.uk There is a small subsidy available from the ICRC or ACTS towards a person's costs and it is a fantastic event and suitable for all ages. No knowledge of German is required.

Luv'em—Sharing the Gospel with whole families

We have a sample booklet produced by the Church of England, Diocese of Manchester with the Mothers' Union. This contains practical ideas on attracting and working with young people and their families in whatever shape, in whatever context. Borrow this one from the Diocesan Office or order your own for £1.50 from Church House 0161 8281400 or www.manchester.anglican.org/evangelism or from the Manchester Mothers' Union on 0161 8281427.



A Choired Taste

Dear Sirs,

My name is Liam Baillie, Musical Director of A Choired Taste, a 65-strong mixed voice choir from Kilmarnock. A Choired taste is a choir where members meet to enjoy the pleasure, fellowship and fun of singing together, while raising funds for deserving charities. Every year we select a small number of charities which become our chosen charities for that year, with proceeds from concerts and various fund-raising events being donated to them at the end of each year. In our short existence of five years we have donated over £30,000 to local and national charities and continue to thrive in doing so. To continue our fundraising, we need to be doing what we do best and that is singing and so I write to ask if you would be interested in hosting the choir to perform a concert in your church during the Autumn/Winter season of 2013, or perhaps in 2014. If this is something which you would be interested in, or require more information see www.achairedtaste.co.uk , or do not hesitate to contact me on liam@ihearusicinme.com; 3 Dalgarven Mews, Southcraig, Kilmarnock KA3 6BJ

Caring for the Rising Population of Older People in Scotland

Wednesday, **24th April**, 2013, COSLA Conference Centre, Edinburgh

Do you know the legal issues around guardianship and caring for older people in Scotland?

Are the health and social care workforces ready to cope with the future demands and costs of caring for older people?

What is the impact of self-directed support and personal choice in care?

Attend this conference to discuss these important issues and hear from key stakeholders in the field of caring for an aging population.

Keynote speaker—Sandra McDonald, the Public Guardian in Scotland.

Find out more at www.mackayhannah.com

Easy Fundraising

If you shop on line or use a computer search engine, you could be raising funds for free! With over 2000 popular retailers, including Argos, M&S, John Lewis, Debenhams, HMV, Vodafone, Dell, The Body Shop, PLAY.com, Interflora and many more. Register your church at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes. You can also raise funds by using easysearch as your search engine.

Sponsored walk from Iona to Lindisfarne

The Rev'd Canon William Burke is doing a sponsored walk from Iona to Lindisfarne in aid of "Combat Stress". While in Argyll, he will walk from Iona across Mull to Craignure and then from Oban to Lochgilphead via Kilmartin, Kilmichael & Dunadd then Otter Ferry on Cowal to Kilmun on the Holy Loch via Glendaruel. He is looking for Church halls in which to spend the night.

To help with accommodation or for sponsorship, please contact 01733 380244; wburke@btinternet.com; or The Rectory, 5 Church Hill, Castor, Peterborough PE5 7AU.

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Diocesan Diary

5th March	Pre-Synod Day
	Diocesan Synod Eucharist
6th March	Diocesan Synod
7th March	Post Synod Clergy Day
9th April	Finance & Property Board
	Diocesan Board of Mission and Ministry
10th April	Standing Committee
13th April	Lay Leadership Day in Oban
22nd-25th October	Diocesan Retreat