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News from around the Diocese

Bishop Kevin blesses the new extension at Bishop's House, Isle of Iona

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Licensing for the Rev'd Simon Mackenzie

Bishop Kevin is delighted to announce that Father Simon Mackenzie's new ministry in mid-Argyll and Arran will officially begin at a service of licensing to be held at 7pm on Monday the 25th November 2013. The service, a special eucharist, will be held in Christ Church Lochgilphead, with representatives of all the charges that Simon will serve in attendance. Simon is also anticipating that quite a few of his former parishioners from Perry Beeches in Birmingham Diocese will also travel to Argyll to join the celebration. The service will be followed by refreshments, also in Lochgilphead. All are warmly invited to attend the service: but for numbers, anyone wishing to attend who is not a member of the charges, please contact the diocesan office. As announced last month, Simon (61) is to be appointed the priest in charge for Christ Church Lochgilphead with All Saints Inveraray, St Columba's Poltalloch and St Margaret's Whiting Bay on the Isle of Arran.

Simon introduces himself: "I was born in Goondiwindi, Queensland, in a family with strong and cherished connections (including a family burial-ground, to which I am



now drawing closer) with Wester Ross, where we spent nearly every summer holiday after our return to Britain. In fact, I learnt the alphabet in West Terrace, Ullapool... I have been learning Gaelic over the last 50 years, which makes me a slow learner, including a couple of weeks at An Sabhal Mòr. My sister and niece and hundreds of Mackenzie cousins live in Queensland and New South Wales, able to feast on paw-paws and mangoes to their hearts' content - but (here) we can eat herring. (con'td on page 2)

Licensing for the Rev'd Simon Mackenzie (cont'd)

I am looking forward to introducing Donan Donn (his Cairn Terrier) to the hills of Argyllshire. He was very disappointed on a recent week on Loch Eriboll to discover how few the sticks were, and hopes Argyllshire is better provided. I am also delighted to think that I shall now be paid to travel on ferries: there is little more the heart could yearn for."

The Official Opening of the Extension at Bishop's House, Iona



An intrepid band of pilgrims made their way to Bishop's House, Iona on Tuesday, 10th September where they were warmly greeted by the staff of the House.

St Columba's Chapel was full as the Bishop celebrated the Eucharist. The congregation then processed into the

extension which the Bishop blessed with enthusiasm. The Service was followed by afternoon tea with the baking for which the House is famous.

Throughout the year we have received an onslaught of positive comments about the extension made to Bishop's House over the winter. This one, written on a guest questionnaire just last week, sums it up far better than I could: "The alterations to the House have really enhanced it. I wondered what it would be like, because I was very fond of the House as it was. But the extended lounge is really useful, allowing separate conversations, activities, spaces.



And the new library furniture is very fitting, the library gains so much now that it is no longer a corridor. The more spacious bedrooms are also much better, especially for those sharing with those they don't know well. All in all, I am very grateful that you have had the foresight and the courage to make these changes." These new and improved facilities greatly improve our guests retreat experience, and we are very proud of the House and what we have to offer our visitors. Toben Lewis, Warden

Retreats Available at Bishop's House

Family Open Week, 4 – 11 October 2014

Sanctus: a space to pray and play together through song, 20 – 25 October 2014

From Darkness into Light: Easter Retreat at Bishop's House, 16 – 23 April 2015

Email iona@island-retreats.org or call 01681 700111 for bookings or further information.

St Andrew's Church, Fort William

At St. Andrew's there is nothing we like better than an excuse for producing a cake with which to celebrate a special event. Mrs Olive Davis started the ball rolling with her 80th birthday in mid-August when she enjoyed a week of celebrations with family as well as a cake and card in the church hall on Sunday 18th August.



As you will see from the photograph we had a **double** celebration the following week. Eddie and Jane Griffiths (left) celebrated their Ruby (40th) Wedding anniversary while Carole and Michael Nicoll celebrated their Golden (50th) Wedding anniversary. Both couples are pictured with the Rector, Revd Alexander Guinness.

To mark the dedication festival of St. Andrew's Church the Rector, Revd Alexander Guinness (centre left), celebrated a High Mass with the assistance of Revd Charles Tongue (left), Mr Alisdair Campbell (centre right) and Mr Andy Macintyre (right).



Following the High Mass, another double was celebrated, this time to mark both the retiral of Mr Andy MacIntyre from his work as a car mechanic and also his 65th birthday. Andy is a dedicated member of the Church Vestry and is eager to become more involved with the maintenance of the fabric of the church.



During the summer, a small, dedicated band of members of the congregation raised much needed funds for the repairs which will be undertaken in Spring on the Baptistry and West wall. This is to stop the waters which have been known to cascade inside the church during monsoon season – hence the array of buckets under the table at the entrance to the church itself. We are delighted to report that, over 8 weeks, we managed to raise £3472.53 – a small drop in the ocean financially but welcome all the same. We are very grateful to all who supported in any way, particularly those who came along and enjoyed a wide variety of homemade soups – loyal locals, tourists from the UK as well as lovely guests from all parts of the globe.



Mrs May Webb ran a successful Sales Table during Soups to finance the sanding and varnishing of the pulpit side of the church floor.

During the week of 23rd to 27th September the ecumenical Soups will be held in our hall to raise funds for Christian Aid. Each local church takes a turn to act as host and provide soups and the week is usually very well supported.

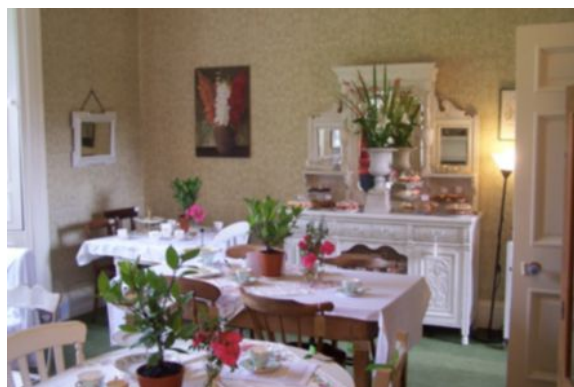
Annual Gaelic Service in Campbeltown

On the 25th August, the annual Gaelic Service took place at St Kieran's, Campbeltown, and with 50 people present, all seats were accounted for. Native speakers from North Uist, Lewis and Ardnamurchan read the lessons. Frances Arthur led the intercessions with Gaelic responses and Megan Hill, now in her first year as a secondary school music teacher, played the organ, adding some new Gaelic Airs to the familiar ones in the opening voluntaries. Two new solo singers took responsibility for three of the hymns. Iain MacPherson, from Southend, successfully persuaded the congregation to participate in the chorus of "Mar a thogras" (As the deer). Later, Iain sang "Ar n-Athair" (Our Father) as part of the Communion service and also "Abba Athair" (Abba Father) as a post communion hymn. Ruairidh Wallace, aged 10, took in his stride the singing of "Tha ainm nas airde" (His name is higher) for the gradual. The service aims to include as many people as possible through participation and the congregation sang the Kyrie and Communion Song 1 as well as sharing the peace and responding to the petitions in the Thanksgiving Prayer all in Gaelic. The two English hymns were to the tunes "Teann a nall" and "Chi mi Muile" Four people travelled all the way from Skipness and Lochgilphead, testifying to the importance Gaelic plays in Scotland's national heritage. It is now eight years since the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act received Royal Assent, with the aspiration enshrined in it that Gaelic should enjoy equal respect with the English language in Scotland. St Kieran's has been pleased to support this over several years now. David O McEwan

Christ Church, Lochgilphead Activities

Bishopton House was recently turned in to a Vintage tearoom for a couple of days.

The West Coast Events girls opened the tearoom for two days during the Art Map Argyll weekend in August. Visitors were most amused to find that not only were they able to buy tea, coffee & delicious homebaking



but also the chairs and tables, even the cups and saucers! Around two hundred people visited the tearoom and many visitors to the area expressed their surprise that it wasn't a permanent tearoom!

www.WestCoastEvents.org.uk

Keep up to date with our activities at Christ Church via our Face Book page, Christ Church Lochgilphead or our blog at www.christchurchlochgilphead.blogspot.com

St James, Ardbrecknish—Harvest Festival



The Provost, the Very Rev'd Nicki McNelly, celebrated Harvest Festival at St James, Ardbrecknish with Evensong. The choir and organ master from St John's Cathedral led the congregation of locals and visitors which filled the church. The building had been decorated with harvest produce including a number of "Harvestingles" (candles in apples) which burned during the service.

Following the Service, the congregation and choir were invited to the local hall where members of St James had provided an amazing spread. The non perishable Harvest produce and the perishable were gratefully received by the Lord's Larder and the Hope's Kitchen respectively.



Licensing of Lay Reader in St John's Cathedral, Oban



Donald Shell with Very Rev'd Nicki McNelly

Donald Shell was licensed as Lay Reader by the Bishop in St John's Cathedral recently. During the Service, Donald was presented with a Bible and blue scarf. Following the Service, there were celebratory drinks and nibbles in the Church Hall.

Sharing the Vision

Members of the congregation of St John's attended their first session of "Sharing the Vision" led by Alison Clark.

The session began with the opening liturgy and some introductory discussion on the Gospel passage (Matthew 28: 16-20) and the concept of mission.

Having discussed in small groups Gospel stories which resonated with individuals, there

Was lively discussion as participants attempted to choose a Gospel story particularly apt for the whole congregation and MAD actions to be taken. Donald Shell will lead an intermediate session before Alison returns on November 6th.



Double Jubilee at Cumbrae Cathedral



The Reverend Canon Keith Pagan, Honorary Canon of the Cathedral of The Isles celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood on the Feast of St Matthew the Apostle on Saturday 21 September at the Cathedral of The Isles. He invited the Right Reverend Douglas Cameron, former Bishop of Argyll and The Isles to join him and discovered that it was also his Golden Jubilee! Bishop Cameron presided at the Eucharist, Canon Pagan celebrated and the Very Reverend Dr Emsley Nimmo, Dean of the United Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney preached. The Cathedral Choir directed by Alastair Chisholm sang movements from the Mass for 4 voices by William Byrd and 'Hear my Prayer' (O for the wings of a dove) by Felix Mendelssohn with Jonathan Cohen on the organ. Ms Maureen MacGlashan and the Reverend Sydney Maitland read the lessons and the Very Reverend Andrew Swift, Dean of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles served the chalice. Many other clergy and friends gathered for this celebration and Canon Pagan hosted a lunch at the College after the service. [Photograph courtesy of Christine McIntosh (goforchris on Flickr)]

Music—The Baroque Revisited

A popular series of talks on music given by Alastair Chisholm begin on 9th October,. Further information on 07867 802481
mauraofcumbrae@googlemail.com

Friends of Cumbrae AGM

The AGM will take place in the College of the Holy Spirit on the Saturday 26th October 2013 at 10.00 a.m. The September Newsletter is now available on the Cathedral Friends website at <http://www.cumbraecathedralfriends.com>

Diocesan Retreat

The Diocesan Retreat is almost fully booked. Contact the warden directly on 01475 530353 if you are planning to come.

Mission Possible

'Mission Possible' Is it?

Some of us have begun our sessions. If you have yet to agree dates with your Building the Vision visitor, do please respond. If you have lost contact details or have any questions, contact Alison on alisonclark52@gmail.com or leave a message on 01700 500489.

A summary of Mission Possible is available on the Diocesan website under Resources & links publications or <http://www.argyll.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Mission-Possible-summary.pdf> or ask the Office for a hard copy.

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Lay Learning Study Group



The Diocesan study group hopes to begin a new session

2013, with John Roberts of St Margaret's, Whiting Bay as convener. There are still vacancies for new members, who will be made warmly welcome.

This year's meetings will be based on "Reflecting with God: Connecting Faith and Daily Life in Small Groups", by Abigail Johnson, published by The Alban Institute, Herndon, Virginia, 2004. The subject matter of the book can be described as theological reflection, but intending participants should not be put off by the word "theological". This is not academic or abstruse. "Abigail Johnson's fine, wonderfully practical, book ... offers ... the opportunity to develop deeper awareness of ministry, a more mature faith, wisdom. She explains, step by step, how to create and nurture small gatherings of people, helping them to look at their lives and ask, 'Where does God fit into the picture?'" (Donna Sinclair, *The United Church Observer*) Copies of the book will be available at a small discount from the Diocesan Office in time for the first meeting.

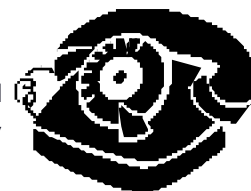
It is intended that we will meet monthly, on the second Tuesday. The meetings will usually be by telephone, with face-to-face gatherings every six months or so. The first, "getting-to-know-you" meeting on 8th October will be one of these face-to-face ones, and will take place in either Inveraray or Oban, depending on the wishes of the majority of the group.

Everyone's level of participation in the group will be up to them, but it is hoped that one of us each month will feel able to prepare a brief personal presentation as a starting point for the discussion. However, there will be no compulsion or pressure. The first meeting will be to establish the group, get to know each other, set ground rules, etc.

To sign up to the group, or to find out more, please contact me, John Roberts, as soon as possible on 01770-302701, or by email at johnmetham@googlemail.com

Contacting the Diocesan Centre

The phone system in the Diocesan Centre will be replaced during October 2013. We expect that this will not cause any disruption, but some interruption is possible.



The number (01631 570870) will not change. If you find that this number is not working, please send an email and we will phone you back as soon as we can, or leave a message on the other number (01631 570411) which will have an answer phone facility if the main number is not working. The mobile numbers will continue to work.

Thank you for your patience during this change, which will save the Diocese money.

Clergy Winter Holidays on the Isle of Skye



The Rectory Flat at St Columba’s Episcopal Church is now available for clergy holidays on a self-catering donation basis. The suggested minimum donation is £250 per week.

For bookings or further information please contact: Mrs Chrissanne McInnes

E-mail: holsstcol.portree@btinternet.com or answerphone 01478 613135

Further details can be found on the following link [Clergy Holidays On Skye Winter 2013](#) or through the Diocesan website.

General Synod 2013

The draft minutes of this year’s General Synod are now available on the Provincial website www.scotland.anglican.org

Faith in Action—The Environment

Give us eyes to see your new creation, breaking in upon us, frail and beautiful like tiny flowers in tarmac cracks — surprising us as we rush to our business.

We stop, and look, and water it — although time is money and water is metered helping it grow until the earth is filled with knowledge of you, and the tarmac dessert shall rejoice and blossom abundantly. Amen



For further information follow the link on the Home page of the Provincial website www.scotland.anglican.org

Scottish Interfaith Week 24 November—1 December

"We need to search...for a way of living with, and acknowledging the integrity of those who are not of our faith. Can we make space for difference? Can we hear the voice of God in a language, a sensibility, a culture not our own? Can we see the presence of God in the face of a stranger?" (Jonathan Sacks, "The Dignity of Difference"). Scottish Interfaith Week gives us the opportunity to meet with or learn about people of different faiths. The website (www.interfaithscotland.org) gives information about events happening all over Scotland. Further information is available from Tom Moyes of Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS) at www.acts-scotland.org or 01259 222363.

Ecumenical News and Events

(as if you can't read all of this please see the bottom for translation!)

On Saturday 9th of November you are very warmly invited to

Five Upside Down

And think about what it means today to follow a man who challenges us to see the world differently

Share : Féarla : Fannap

10.30am – 4.00pm followed by early dinner (optional)
 Old Churches House, Dunblane
 Book your FREE place with Fiona at the District office by replying to fiona@methodistchurchplus.com saying
'Aes blesse' 'I'd like to spend a day living upside down'

Organised by the Holiness & Risk Planning Group
 This event starts the '120 days of Christmas' programme
 Look out for more details on www.methodistchurchinScotland

Everyone welcome

- Live upside down
- Share, learn, laugh
- Yes please, I'd like to spend a day living upside down
- Everyone welcome

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'TASTE AND SEE...' Children's Spirituality, Creative Prayer and Bible Storytelling



A taster day of inspiring workshops led by Claire Benton-Evans

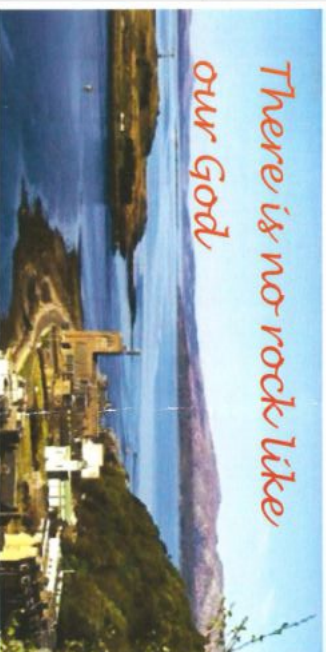
Author of *All-Sorts Prayer* and *All-Sorts Worship*, published by Kevin Mayhew

SATURDAY 05TH OCTOBER 2013
St Mary's Episcopal church
 Inverurie
9:30 am – 16:00 pm
 St Mary's Place, Inverurie, AB51 3NW
www.stmarysinverurie.org.uk

Argyll Convention 2013

4th - 5th October

There is no rock like our God



Bible teaching - God speaking - Christ honouring - Christians sharing

Main Speakers:



Tim Chester
 Pastor of the Crowded House, Sheffield and director of Portenbrook training. Tim will be delving in 1 Samuel and speaking on - "The coming of God's King", "The Authority of God's word" and "The weight of God's Glory".



Lambol Hoobip
 Founder of the Bethesda-Khancho foundation supporting and working with disadvantaged tribal communities, particularly in Manipur. Lambol will be discussing his plans for mission in north east India



William Mackenzie
 William has been involved in spreading the word of God for a number of years through his position in Christian Focus Publications. He will speak about the impact of Christian literature in various parts of the world.

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NEWSLETTER

The November Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the Diocesan Office) – material to be received at the Diocesan Office (e-mail above) by Monday **29th October** 2013.

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TWITTER Hashtag #AaTI

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ONLINE INSPIRES

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

Diocesan Diary	15th October	Diocesan Finance & Property Board
		Diocesan Board for Mission and Ministry
	16th October	Diocesan Standing Committee
	28th - 31st October	Diocesan Retreat
	23rd November	Lay Leadership Day
	25th November	Licensing of Fr Simon McKenzie

Syria Crisis Appeal

Through Christian Aid (www.christianaid.org.uk) you could help refugees in Syria.

£21 could buy rice, vegetable oil, beans, lentils, tomato paste and salt for a family in need

£43 could provide a hygiene kit with soap, toothpaste, wound disinfectant and bandages

£60 could provide a blanket, mattresses, pillows and a cooking set.