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## News from around the Diocese Celebration of Cumbrae Warden's Ministry

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There was a celebration Choral Evensong on Wednesday 13 May to commemorate and celebrate the ministry of David Todd, Warden of the College of the Holy Spirit. For the last five years David has been Warden of the retreat house at the Cathedral of The Isles on the Isle of Cumbrae. He is leaving at the end of May to return to Edinburgh to work as a freelance Arts Management Consultant, and will be licensed as a Lay Reader by the Bishop of Edinburgh on the Feast of Corpus Christi in Old Saint Paul's Church. The Directors of Islands Retreats Limited (IRL) offer their sincere gratitude saying that David has "achieved a remarkable amount in the five years, with the College a good stable business, and the Cathedral is in good shape." Cynthia Constable, one of the Directors of IRL with a wealth of experience in the hospitality industry, has agreed to act as Warden of the College until a new permanent Warden can be found. The Directors of IRL are actively looking for someone who is willing to commit to another five year term to consolidate and build on David's ministry of hospitality.

The evensong was led by the Rt Rev Kevin Pearson, Bishop of Argyll and The Isles, with members of the 'Friends of Cumbrae Cathedral', the congregation of St Andrew's, Millport, clergy from across the Province and other friends.

### **St Peter's and St Moluag's, Isle of Lewis**

Reverend Sister Clare Lockhart once more stepped into the breach to cover services both at St Peter's and St Moluag's whilst Fr Terry and his Wife Sam took a week off to visit family on the mainland. As ever, we greatly appreciated this help.

St Peter's was pleased to welcome Alison Clark, the Diocesan Congregational Development Officer, and Jean Ainsley, the Diocesan Treasurer, to Stornoway during the weekend of 15th - 18th May. During a workshop facilitated by Alison and Jean, we were able to discuss 'Building the Vision' and how we as a Church were

implementing our 'Vision' during the fifth year from its inception. It was a well attended event with plenty of input and discussion about 'Where we are now' after four years had elapsed. There was also an opportunity, as a Vestry, to discuss finances, both at local and Diocesan level with Jean Ainsley. This was particularly useful and informative and we extend our gratitude to both Alison and Jean for making the journey to visit us.

St Peter's Vestry now begins the process of 'moving forward' after our successful Roof Repair funding bid. The process, albeit complicated, follows strict criteria and we will be happy to share our 'experience' with any others who are contemplating a bid in the next round of funding applications.

*Rev Terry Taggart*

### **Ordination to the Diaconate of Rosemary Bungard & Elaine Garman**



The Rt Rev'd Kevin Pearson  
requests the pleasure of your company  
at

#### **The Ordination to the Diaconate of Rosemary Bungard and Elaine Garman**

in the Cathedral Church of St John the Divine, Oban  
on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm  
Followed by lunch

**RSVP by 17<sup>th</sup> June** to St Moluag's Diocesan Centre, Croft Ave,  
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Clergy are invited to robe in alb and white stole

### **St Columba's Patronal Festival**

St Columba's, Poltalloch will celebrate their Patronal Festival on Sunday 7th June at 6 pm with Solemn Evensong.

The service will be sung by the St Columba Festival Singers, led by organist John Marsden.

The Preacher will be the Very Revd Dean Swift.

The service will be followed by refreshments. All visitors will be very welcome.

Last year the choir of St John's Cathedral sang for us. Their many commitments meant they were unable to come to us this year, but inspired by their example, we have gathered our resources, and are singing Evensong ourselves, with help from a variety of friends and well-wishers.

St Columba's has one of the most picturesque situations in the diocese (one...), looking out over Crinan Bay and Duntrune, a situation enjoyed by the repose of the previous incumbents.

(Directions: come south through Kilmartin village on the A816, turn right shortly onto the B8025 towards Crinan, and right at the East Lodge through the fields).

## St Columba's, Isle of Skye



The Provincial Protection Officer, Donald Urquhart and Diocesan Protection Officer, Sue Pollard presented training on aspects of Protection of the Vulnerable to the Vestry of St Columba's. The afternoon was well attended, there was real fellowship as awkward situations were discussed. As ever, the

welcome for which they are famous was demonstrated in the form of a delicious cake.

Early next year, the Province will be carrying out an audit of this Diocese with regard to Protection. If any other Charge feels training would be helpful, please contact Sue Pollard in the Office.

## Diocese of Argyll and The Isles Retreat

### Christian Mindfulness - A Wellspring for Mission

using Rublev's Icon of the Trinity and Vermeer's Painting of Jesus with Martha and Mary

**Monday 19th to Thursday 22 October 2015**

This year every congregation in the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles is involved in a whole year of **Vision for Mission**. Among other priorities, we are focussing on spiritual growth and reaching out as an open church. This retreat will be a time of integrating the journey inward, through Christian Mindfulness, with missionary outreach.

Mindfulness helps us to

stay present, less controlled by thoughts and feelings  
cultivate greater compassion and generosity to ourselves, without judgement  
have more empathy for others, tap into a source of enthusiasm, energy and equanimity.

Mindfulness is not new. It is rooted in the Gospels and in the earliest tradition of Christian prayer and ministry, e.g. Jesus with Martha and Mary (Luke 10: 38 - 42). Through it we tap into the flow of love and energy within the Trinity, which we share with others in mission.

Sister Carmel Byrne, Garden Cottage Spirituality Centre, Kilgraston, Bridge of Earn, will lead the retreat and will be available throughout the three days to help those who find the experience challenging or those who are making a retreat for the first time.

Booking forms will be available in due course but advance enquiries may be made by contacting The College, Cumbrae 01475 530353, Cathedral\_Cumbrae@btconnect.com

## **Rt Rev Kevin Pearson —what do God and the Church offer?**



Listen to the video in which Bishop Kevin asks, "What's in it for us? - what does a life lived with the God of Jesus Christ offer? Find it on the Home page of the SEC website ([www.scotland.anglican.org](http://www.scotland.anglican.org))

### **Diary Date – Launch Service for The Scottish Episcopal Institute**

A Service to launch the Scottish Episcopal Institute will take place in St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth on **Sunday 4th October at 3pm**. The preacher will be the Most Rev David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Further details to follow. (reprinted from inspires online <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/inspires/> )

### **General Synod**

General Synod 2015 will take place at St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh from 11-13 June. The Agenda and Papers were sent to General Synod members last week, and have been posted on the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) website. ([www.scotland.anglican.org](http://www.scotland.anglican.org))

Throughout the meeting of General Synod, non-Synod members are welcome to sit in the public gallery, and regular updates of Synod proceedings and voting will be posted on the SEC website and through social media, and a live audio stream will be available during the meeting. Further information on this and other matters relating to General Synod will be highlighted in this newsletter and on the SEC website over the coming weeks. (reprinted from inspires online <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/inspires/> )

### **Primus' Comment on General Election Outcome**

Commenting on the outcome of the recent General Election, the Most Rev David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church says:

"The outcome of the General Election of 2015 has delivered a result notable both for its clarity and its complexity. The people have spoken through the ballot box. They have expressed hopes, aspirations, needs, passions – and some fears.

"Those of us who live in Scotland must recognise that we are living through times of profound change. Our prayer for Scotland, its people and its leaders, must be that we shall find at the end of our journey new and creative ways of relating to the



peoples and nations with whom we share these islands.

"Democracy in operation has a cruel face. Political careers of those who have served their country faithfully have been brought to a premature end. We honour their commitment and their service.

"It is the duty of Christians to honour and to pray for those who exercise authority in the state. Those who now take office as MP's or in government are assured of our good wishes and our prayers in the days to come."

Views and comments from a few of the Bishops on the General Election are available on the SEC website. (reprinted from inspires online <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/inspires/> )

## Nepal Earthquake Appeal



The DEC appeal has so far helped agencies and their partners reach over 300,000 people and the number continues to rise. The assistance has included:

- ActionAid has provided food to 20,000 people.
- Age International has provided cash to 2,100 older people to spend on urgently needed items.
- The British Red Cross has health teams working in 12 locations.

Distribution of tents and tarpaulins to the victims of the earthquake in Kavrepalanchowk district

- Tents and food have been delivered to 10,460 people in three districts of the Kathmandu valley by CAFOD and its partners in the Caritas network.
- CARE has provided more than 5,300 people in Gorkha with shelter, water and sanitation kits.
- Christian Aid has provided ten water filtration units – each which provide 1,500 litres of purified water per hour for 10,000 people in Gorkha, Dhading and Sindhupalchok.
- Islamic Relief has distributed food for 2,500 people in Sindhupalchowk district.
- Oxfam has distributed 925 hygiene kits for 4,625 people and 1,245 bottles of chlorine solution for 6,225 people.
- Save the Children has distributed shelter kits, baby kits and relief supplies to more than 25,000 people in Gorkha.
- Plan has distributed more than 1,290 education kits in Sindhuli.
- Tearfund has reached 3,300 people with tarpaulins and food in Makwanpur and Lalitpur districts.
- World Vision is running ten child friendly spaces.

After people's emergency needs are met, the process of rebuilding begins. The DEC has decided to extend its aid response to three years to allow its member agencies to meet longer-term needs and help rebuild lives and livelihoods which will withstand future disasters. Donations can be made at <http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/nepal-earthquake-appeal>

## Action by Christians Against Torture

Night Vigil and Day of Prayer 26th June. Prayers, hymns and meditations are available from the website : [www.acatfrance.fr/prier](http://www.acatfrance.fr/prier). Other resources and prayer lists from [www.acat.org.uk](http://www.acat.org.uk)

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## Diocesan Diary

2nd June	Pre General Synod Meeting
10th—13th June	General Synod, Edinburgh
18th June	Friends of Iona Weekend
23rd June	Diocesan Finance & Property Group
	Diocesan Board of Mission & Ministry
27th June	Ordinations in St John's Cathedral, Oban
7th July	Diocesan Standing Committee

## Communications

### NEWSLETTER

The July Newsletter (Please remember to send information to the Diocesan Office) – material to be received at the Diocesan Office (e-mail above) by Monday **22nd June, 2015**.

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### ONLINE INSPIRES

Sign up for the Scottish Episcopal Church newsletter or the magazine at links from the website as above.

**Book Corner** - In Search of Belief by Joan Chittister 'examines the Apostles' Creed phrase-by-phrase, offering challenging interpretations of its familiar themes and a provocative way of understanding - and expressing - its tenets.'

The author says, *This book is written to look again at the Creed in a world of turmoil and a world in pain. If we really believed it when we said it, that world would change.*

