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News from around the Diocese John Connolly Licensed as Eucharistic Minister

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I was lucky enough to be up in the Highlands on holiday and attended the service at St John's Ballachulish on Sunday 11th September, when Bishop Kevin licensed John Connolly as a Eucharistic Minister. *Amanda Fairclough*



Your Chance to Join an Individually Guided Retreat

You may well have attended a retreat before, but have you ever taken part in an Individually Guided Retreat? We're delighted to let you know that an opportunity to do so is now open to all at the end of October here at The College of The Holy Spirit. ***The retreat runs from Monday 24 – Thursday 27 October.***

A silent individually guided retreat is an opportunity to grow in relationship with God. As an aspect of that developing relationship, retreatants often come to understand more about prayer, about themselves, and about how to discern the will of God in their lives.

Each day an experienced retreat guide will be available to help the retreatant explore past and present experiences of God, different styles of prayer and ways of responding to Scripture, the relationship between faith and daily living, and other aspects of the spiritual life.

We are delighted that Sister Carmel Byrne is returning to lead this retreat and bringing two colleagues to work with her in guiding the retreatants. This is a rare opportunity for extended one-to-one spiritual accompaniment.

We still have availability in rooms with shared facilities at a cost of just £182.50 full board, or just £162.50 full board if you share a room.

Full details and online booking are on [our website](http://cathedraloftheisles.org/college/retreats/argyll/) (<http://cathedraloftheisles.org/college/retreats/argyll/>) or give Amanda Wright a ring on 01475 530353.

St Peter's & St Moluag's, Isle of Lewis

On Saturday the 3rd of September we had the 'Official Opening' of the newly refurbished pathway at St Moluag's Church in Eoropaidh. Cutting the ribbon was our Lord Lieutenant Sandy Matheson CVO, OBE. After the cutting, we had a small thanksgiving service in the Church then all retired to the Ness Historical Society in Cross for a light refreshment. The weather was very kind on the day and a total of 24 people turned up. It was a huge success where we were able to celebrate all of the good things that this new path has, and will continue to bring in the future, not only to the local community but also for the benefit of the many tourists and pilgrims who visit this Church.



The Lord Lt Sandy Matheson cuts the ribbon



Alan and Dorothy 'tie the knot' once more

On the 17th of September at 7am, Fr Terry, accompanied by a fellow member of St Peter's congregation, Mr Rob Scott, set off from St Moluag's Church in order to walk the 27 miles to St Peter's in aid of raising money for our 'Sanctuary Window Appeal' We were joined along the way for 11 miles by another congregant, Mrs Dorothy Cessford. Unfortunately, due to a foot injury, Fr Terry had to pull out at the 20 mile mark leaving Rob to complete the 27 miles. Once more the weather was kind and an impressive amount of money from so many generous donors was raised.

On Sunday the 25th of September we celebrated not only 25 years of marriage between Mr Alan and Mrs Dorothy Cessford, they also renewed their marriage vows during our Sung Eucharist which was a closely guarded secret and a wonderful surprise to our congregation who were able to take part in the excellent fellowship that followed. *Blessings Always, Fr Terry Taggart*

Argyll and Bute Doors Open Day

- Inveraray Bell Tower

The Bell Tower in Inveraray opened its doors on September 24th and welcomed visitors from all over the world - Inveraray, elsewhere in the UK, mainland Europe and even the USA. The Glasgow ringers were on hand to explain the history and working of the bells. An intrepid pair

from the Netherlands even tried their hand at getting the tenor bell (41cwt!) to ring! The

weather was not good enough for enjoyment of the view, but most visitors made it to the top of the tower and for nearly all it was their first opportunity to see a peal of bells up close.

It is a shame that much of Argyll does not participate in this event - maybe another year more of our churches could open - I can put interested congregations in touch with the organisers.

Peter Kemp



Lay Leaders Lay Readers: Agents in Mission

The annual training day will take place on Saturday, 5th November in St John's Cathedral, Oban. The keynote speaker will be The Rt Rev'd Robert Gillies, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney. This is part of the ongoing training of Lay Leaders but anyone interested is very welcome. Further details will follow.

Save the date –

Cascade Conversation: a chance to safely and confidentially share ALL views on possible inclusion, in 2017, of same-sex marriage in the Church's canons

Following discussions at Diocesan Synods, a vote on this Canon will take place at General Synod 2017. This is an important decision in the life of our church and you are encouraged to attend to find out as much as you can about the proposal and have your views heard. You can watch a 20 minute video on [You Tube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQaYpnGda4Q) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQaYpnGda4Q>) which includes a conversation between Rev Dean Fostekew and Rev Dave Richards who will be with us for our Diocesan meeting. The Conversation will take place in Oban at 3pm Tuesday, 8th November. Further details to follow.

New On-line Cloister Shop at Cumbrae

We're delighted to let you know that you can now purchase a small selection of gifts from our Cloister Shop via our website. Details of what is available are below. Sales from the Cloister Shop directly support the work of the Cathedral & College, helping us maintain this as a place of hospitality and renewal for all.

Cathedral Christmas Card

This stunning image of the cathedral in the snow was taken by member of the cathedral congregation Ian Duncan some time ago - it's been a while since Millport saw heavy snow like this! The image has now been turned into a card, which is left blank inside for your own message.

Cards are available in packs of 5, with envelopes, at £2.50 per pack plus P&P. If you'd like to buy copies in bulk please [email us](mailto:office@cathedraloftheisles.org) (office@cathedraloftheisles.org) so that we can work out the best P&P option for the quantity you require.

2017 Calendar

Our calendar for 2017 features 12 stunning photographs by local photographer Karen Brodie. Each page is A4 portrait with a landscape image at the top at calendar section below. The calendars retail at just £10 each, plus P&P

Framed copy of **Donald Swan's "Nativity"** A framed A4 print of the beautiful triptych that sits behind the altar in the Lady Chapel. Certainly one of the cathedral's most popular works of art, it is admired by many on their visit . £20 each, plus P&P.

[Buy now](http://cathedraloftheisles.org/college/cloister-shop/) from the website (<http://cathedraloftheisles.org/college/cloister-shop/>)

Library Project on Iona

Visitors to Iona last week for the launch of a major library project at the Abbey were treated to this rather splendid double rainbow which appears in the photograph to be linking The Abbey with Bishop's House.



Trustees of the Iona Cathedral Trust, of which Bishop Kevin is one, were on the island to mark the launch of a project to preserve the collection of manuscripts, nationally significant collections and rare Gaelic writings which are housed in the library at the Abbey. The Trust has received £100,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund which will help restore and repair several hundred items in the library. A digital catalogue of the library will also be available online.

The Very Rev'd Dr Finlay Macdonald, chairman of the Iona Cathedral Trust, said: "We are delighted this gem of a library can be made more accessible and our valuable heritage preserved."

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Diocesan Diary

Monday, 17th October	IRL Board and AGM
Tuesday, 18th October	Diocesan Standing Committee and Finance & Property Board Diocesan Mission and Ministry Board
Mon-Thurs 24th-27th October	Diocesan Retreat, Cumbrae
Saturday, 5th November	Lay Leadership Day
Tuesday, 8th November	Cascade Conversation

Communications

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, **24th October 2016**.

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ONLINE INSPIRES

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

Scottish Episcopal Institute Annual Lecture – Thursday, 20th October

The Rev Professor Mike Higton, Professor in the Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University, will offer the first Annual Scottish Episcopal Institute Lecture at 4pm in the Martin Hall, New College, Edinburgh. The lecture will be on 'Teaching and Witness in the Life of the Church'. More details available [on the web.](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prof-mike-higton-teaching-and-witness-in-the-life-of-the-church-tickets-27728485647) (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prof-mike-higton-teaching-and-witness-in-the-life-of-the-church-tickets-27728485647>)

Faith in Older People— Forthcoming Event

Wednesday 26 October—OUTSIDE WORLD - A seminar led by Professor Mary Marshall, which will give key insights into the greater spiritual aspects of our relationship with nature and what gives meaning and purpose to our lives. It will challenge our assumptions and give us new perspectives. Reg:1.30pm Start:2.00pm-4.30pm; Venue: St Mungo's Museum and Zen Gardens, 2 Castle Street, Glasgow G4 0RH. Cost: £25.00

Fresh Air on my Face (Jessica Kingsley 2012) written by Professor Mary Marshall and Jane Gilliard which is aimed at care homes, emphasising the importance of the natural world for older people and particularly people with dementia. They have also edited a new book on 'Creating culturally appropriate outside spaces and experiences for people with dementia' which forms the basis of this seminar and challenges us to consider our relationship with nature – physically, emotionally and spiritually. Being part of the wider world is intrinsic to our spiritual well-being, it gives us a sense of place and connection

To reserve your place, please [click here](https://events-made-easy.com/Client_Event_Sites/fop5853/2012-03-111/cgi-bin/php/registration%20v2.php) (https://events-made-easy.com/Client_Event_Sites/fop5853/2012-03-111/cgi-bin/php/registration%20v2.php) or ring 0131 346 7981.