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### News from around the Diocese

#### A Talented Harvest in Dunoon

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Holy Trinity Dunoon recently held their annual Harvest Supper and Talent Show. The event drew the usual army of willing volunteers to set up the hall, prepare and serve food, clear away and wash up, and, most importantly, to share their many and varied talents for the entertainment of the congregation and their friends.

We had poetry, varying from vernacular Scot's from Irene Storie, reminiscences of mountaineering from Alan Neale to dry and sharp verse from published poet Tariq Latif. Musical offerings included Ann Narraway's memorable rendition of Bernard Cribbins' "Hole in the Ground", Joe Grant's heartfelt "Candle in the Wind" and Colin Sibley's ever-popular country and western ballads accompanied by his guitar. The assembled throng also joined in with 'congregational' singing of "We Plough the Field and Scatter" (as grace), "Danny Boy", "Molly Malone" and a vigorous "Auld Lang Syne" to finish.

The event took place in the High Kirk Hall in Dunoon, once St Andrew's Episcopal Mission Hall, a place that has very much become a home from home for the congregation of Holy Trinity as their numbers and enthusiasm for social events has outgrown any of the spaces that we actually own!

The event was also a fund raiser, although this is always emphasised as an additional benefit of the social side of the supper.

The willing helpers then all stayed on to dismantle and tidy the hall, ready for whatever users will follow us the in the next day or so. But it would have been hard for any following users to have had a more enjoyable time than the Harvest Supper partakers!



**Gaelic Service in St Kieran’s, Campbeltown**



Rona, Ruairidh & Iona

The annual Gaelic Service took place on 21st August and the church was full for the occasion, indicating the affection in which the historic language of Scotland is held in Campbeltown. This year, three of the hymns were sung as solos, taken respectively by Iona Renton (Primary 6) - Thainig an là (This is the day), by Ruairidh Wallace (Secondary 3) - Tha ainm nas àirde (His name is higher) and by Rona Campbell (Primary 7) - Abba Athair (Abba Father). The final hymn - Esan Dia (He is Lord) was sung by all of the congregation.

Iona played the organ for most of the service. That included all of the pre-service music - 'S truagh nach do dh'fhuirich mi tioram air tìr (It's a pity I didn't stay on dry land), Bràigh Uige (The brae of Uig), Cearcall a' chuain (The circle of the ocean), A Pheigi, a ghraidh (Dear Peggy), Fàgail Liosmòr (Leaving Lismore), An ataireachd àrd (The eternal surge of the sea) and An ròs (The rose), the concluding voluntary - Rathad Chaluim (Calum's Road) and during Communion - An ubhal as àirde (The highest apple) as well as the Kyrie and the Communion Song 1.

Three guest readers, all native speakers, Morag Patton, Calum Macaulay and Calum Ross read the lessons and from our own congregation Jane Mayo read the Collect for Purity and Frances Arthur led the Intercessions. In the address David referred to the spiritual message of one of the modern stained-glass windows by the German artist Sigmar Polke in the Grossmünster, Zurich, Switzerland. At the conclusion of the service light refreshments were served by ladies of the congregation for all those present. *David O McEwan*



Calum Ross, Frances, Morag, Jane, Calum Macaulay

**Cathedral & College in Millport.**

Welcome to the latest update.

We've been busy working on plans for next year and are pleased to let you know that our Open Programme from 2017 has now been published. There's a great mix of programmed events, some over weekends, some weekday, some

to tie in with the church year and some with a creative arts theme. We're really excited about what's on offer and hope that you will be too!

Visit our website to view the 2017 Open Programme online at <http://cathedraloftheisles.org/college/retreats/>

Download the 2017 Open Programme flier at <http://cathedraloftheisles.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/2017-Open-Programme.pdf>

If you'd like us to send some printed fliers for you to distribute, maybe you could make them available in your own church, please email us at

[office@cathedraloftheisles.org](mailto:office@cathedraloftheisles.org)

We are delighted to announce that, following our recent assessment, the **Green Tourism** business scheme have granted us a Silver award. There is clearly a lot we can do to make the Cathedral & College more environmentally sustainable but they were particularly impressed with our attempts to purchase locally and to use ethically sourced & fairly traded ingredients where possible. Efforts to minimise waste and to save energy were also key factors in achieving the award as was the way in which we manage our grounds. You can learn more about the Green Tourism scheme at <http://www.green-tourism.com/> and expect to see us developing this area more in response to their helpful recommendations.

## Healing Service in St Paul's Rothesay

Rev Elaine Garman and Dean Andrew Swift, the clergy from St Paul's Rothesay, held a Healing Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016. The service, a 1982 Eucharist, had the offer of anointing and prayer for healing as well as Holy Communion. The Sunday evening service, part of a planned programme of quiet and contemplative worship, arose from the 'Vision for Mission' work that the congregation carried out in 2015 and 2016. There was a strong



emphasis on how valued space, quiet and stillness were during worship.

The service was attended by a mixture of people from the Island of Bute. Some were members of St Paul's, others had picked up that the service was happening from other churches or from the extensive Facebook coverage of the worship time.

Elaine celebrated the Eucharist, and Andrew preached a small homily, reflecting on the nature and place of God's healing in a modern, secular world.

Further services are planned for Sunday evenings. These may vary from reflective prayer, Taize themed services to other Eucharistic services or evensongs.



## Diocese of Argyll & the Isles



### Cascade Conversation

Listening Together about same-sex relationships:

Exploring Living with Difference."

**When:** Tuesday 8th November 2016

**Where:** St John's Cathedral, Oban

**What time:** 3pm - 6pm

(refreshments will be provided)

### **Why are we having a Cascade Conversation?**

Our church, like all others, has to face openly questions and issues concerning human sexuality and same-sex relationships. The way we go about this is important. Divisiveness and division, hurt and offence can all too easily arise when positions are taken and presented in a way that is confrontational.

Whilst General Synod has debated this issue, and a vote will take place in 2017, what is important is how we relate together in love through our differences.

Issues concerning human sexuality are complicated, emotionally loaded, and are perhaps beyond simple yes/no agreement at this point in our history. In making time for this particular conversation we will also deepen our ability to talk about other difficult issues.

### **What can I expect on the day?**

The facilitators will help us create a space for prayerful listening. We will hear from Dean and Dave (see video clip below) and we will spend time listening to one another as we share our own reflections on the theme of human sexuality and same-sex relationships. You can expect

- ◇ A conversation, not a debate
- ◇ A chance to offer perspectives rather than to state positions
- ◇ A focus on listening and on each sharing personal experiences/stories

### **What format will the conversation take?**

Here are some guidelines for the conversation, which we will confirm with you when we meet:

- We will respect others, permitting one voice at a time and not interrupting, even if we disagree
- We will listen to one another to seek understanding rather than agreement
- We will be open, honest and gracious with one another
- We will take responsibility for what we say, and for the length of time for which we speak
- We will maintain confidentiality about any personal details, opinions or stories expressed, able to share the wider learning from the process without attribution to any named individuals.

We acknowledge the challenge in seeking to live with deepening understanding of other people's positions, rather than to change people's minds or find concrete certainty.

The conversation may not feel 'safe'. That is because it is designed to help us leave comfortable assumptions behind. But we trust it will be a time of respectful attention and intention.

### **Why everyone's voice matters**

Each of us will come to the conversation as individuals. We are not there to represent a wider group (e.g. congregation). We come together as followers of Christ, and as such honour God's love for each person. Our faith is lived out in communities made up of all kinds of people, each of whose voice matters.

### **What have others in the Scottish Episcopal Church said about these hosted conversations?**

Those who have been through this process describe it as 'life changing' and 'transformative', and talk about the privilege and holiness of being offered people's deeper life stories.

### **How can I prepare in advance?**

Your prayerful reflections will help to up-hold this event before God. In addition, you may like to view this video clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

[v=CQaYpnGda4Q](#) which includes a conversation between Rev Dean Fostekew and Rev Dave Richards who will be with us on **8th November**.



### **Who will facilitate our Conversation?**

'Place for Hope' is a Scottish Charity working with churches and faith organisations in Scotland to facilitate conversations where there is difference, disagreement or conflict. They have facilitated a number of Cascade Conversations within the SEC over the last two

years. Our event on 8th November will be facilitated by Ruth Harvey and Fyfe Blair, Place for Hope Team members. For more information visit [www.placeforhope.org.uk](http://www.placeforhope.org.uk)

### **Historic Anglican/Catholic meetings in Rome**

The Most Rev David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church says: "The recent historic meetings of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Pope in Rome were partly to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Anglican Centre in Rome and partly to mark the 50th Anniversary of the historic meeting in 1966 between Archbishop Michael Ramsey and Pope Paul VI. I attended as part of a group of 14 Primates of the Anglican Communion – a visible sign of the global 'reach' of the Communion.

"The programme included a number of events which were intended to affirm and celebrate the developing relationship between the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. An important Colloquium took place in the Gregorian University at which the current state of progress was analysed.

"It was a great pleasure and inspiration to have members of the St Anselm Community from Lambeth in Rome with us. Their youth and vitality was an inspirational element in a deeply significant series of events – events which were designed to establish a new 'base line' for Anglican-Catholic relationships."

(reprinted from inspires online)

### **Calendar and Lectionary Guide 2016/2017**

The Calendar and Lectionary Guide 2016/2017 has been sent out to all clergy and lay readers, and is available to download from <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/guide-to-calendar-and-lectionary/>. Additional hard copies can be ordered from reception by calling 0131 225 6357, or alternatively by emailing [reception@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:reception@scotland.anglican.org)

### **Oasis to Open London Safe House for Child Refugees...**

After a traumatising year in the Calais jungle, lone children and young people are finally crossing the Channel to receive asylum in the UK. At the request of the Home Office, Oasis is opening a safe house for twenty one 16-18 year old boys to begin delivering the practical care and emotional healing they so desperately need.

We are rising to the challenge of providing these highly vulnerable young people with the unique mix of support, care and love that they need over the coming weeks. At the same time we will be working closely with the Home Office towards their long-term resettlement.

But we need urgent help. Help to fund the practical things that these young people need, including food, clothes and toiletries. Help to fund the books and games that will give them back some of the sense of childhood that recent months have so cruelly robbed from them. Help to make their lives as normal as possible as they transition to a new future in the UK.

***Oasis works with child refugees and asylum seekers and other vulnerable young people in many different communities across the UK. Please donate now to help us to deliver life-changing support to these and the many other young people we support.*** Further information from [www.oasisuk.org](http://www.oasisuk.org)

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## Diocesan Diary

Saturday, 5th November

Tuesday, 8th November

Monday, 14th November

Mon –Wed 28th–30th November

Lay Leadership Day

Cascade Conversation

Curates' Reflection Group

Clergy Development

## 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, **21st November 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.

## EMMS International

EMMS International (formerly The Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society) is Scotland's very own medical mission and has since 1841 brought health and hope to thousands of people living in the poorest communities of the world. In this, our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, we are focusing on the needs of Nepal.

In Nepal, where living is all too often hand to mouth, more often than not there is no care for those living with chronic or terminal illnesses, who are often as a result, in constant pain with a poor quality of life. Medicine is out of reach for many such people in Nepal and even paracetamol is only affordable for those who have savings.

Many churches at their Christmas Services take special offerings for projects that focus on those in greatest need in their communities and around the world. We would like to ask Churches if they have not yet chosen the recipients for their Festive Services offerings, if they would consider donating all or portion of those offerings to help serve the poor and sick of Nepal through our appeal which will provide them with love, pain relief and end of life care?

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require any further information or you would like us to provide you with some publicity material.

Yours in Christ, James Petticrew

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