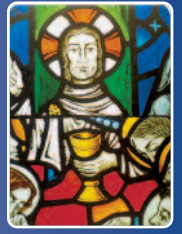




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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



On 15th June around fifty or so people gathered in the Church Centre for the inaugural Oban Civic Prayer Breakfast and, after chatting informally over breakfast, we were led in both thought and prayer. Mark Kitson from the Cinnamon Network outlined how such meetings take place across the country, for local folk to share local needs and to pray for the building up of church/community links and support.

Local businessman Neil Matheson talked about the responsibility that Christian business people bear as they seek to care for staff, serve the public and contribute to life of the wider community in the face of a challenging economic climate. Caroline Fothergill, head teacher of Rockfield Primary School shared something of the challenges and opportunities that face those involved in the world of education- school staff, pupil and their families.

Everyone in the room, whether county or community councillor, local business person, church leader or member of a local congregation was given food for thought. We live in challenging times but praying for and supporting our local community, its businesses and its people, is work that we can all engage in. Sometimes as Christians living in the 21st Century we feel as if we are swimming against the tide, but there is clearly a huge amount of work that needs to be done within our communities and the good news is that we ARE doing it!

The Cinnamon Faith Action Audit (Scotland) reports that there are well over 9,000 social action projects in place across Scotland, involving more than 74,000 volunteers and contributing to more than £93 million worth of support. Those are pretty amazing statistics and very encouraging ones too. Mark Kitson's closing remark to us was this: *Yes, we are doing a good job but there is so much more to do. So, be bold for the Lord!*

The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (1 John 4: 21)

May everyone who engages practically and everyone who prays for our community know God's blessing as we all strive to show genuine love for our brothers and sisters as God commands.

Rev. Chris

CIVIC PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thursday 15th June 2017



Church leaders gathered in Oban Church Centre on Thursday morning, 15th June, for a Civic Prayer Breakfast for the local community. The main speakers were Mr Mark Kitson, of the Cinnamon Network, who spoke about the contribution of Faith Groups to the community across Scotland, and Ms Caroline Fothergill, Head Teacher of Rockfield Primary School, who spoke on current challenges and needs in Education. Mr Neil Matheson was interviewed about the aims and needs of the local Business Community. Guests included local Councillors and representatives of the business community and the third sector. The above photo shows, left to right: Rt Rev Brian Mcgee, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Argyll and the Isles; Rt Rev Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Argyll and The Isles; Rev Dugald Cameron, Church of Scotland Minister of Kilmore and Oban, and Moderator of Argyll Presbytery; Mrs Catherine Sheldrick, of the Salvation Army; Monsignor James MacNeil St Columba's RC Cathedral; and Rev Stuart Lawson, Minister of Oban Baptist Church.



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COFFEE AND CHAT

Every **Wednesday** morning, from **10.30am** you are welcome to drop in for Coffee and Chat in the Church Centre. This informal setting is great for getting to know each other and the blethers of Oban. So just come along. Also, if anyone would like to help out you are most welcome.



AWAY DAY Tuesday 1st August The Isle of Seil

Would you like to find out more about what a prayer labyrinth is? Join our prayer group for the day in Kilbrandon Parish Church as we explore this way into prayer.

For more details or to sign up for the day, please speak to Rev Chris.



MONDAY PRAYER GROUP

We are taking a break over July and August but our weekly meetings will start again on Monday 11th September at 11.30am in the Church Centre.

CIVIC PRAYER BREAKFAST cont.

Prayer Suggestions – by topic

CHURCHES

- Wisdom, direction, inspiration & opportunity.
- That we have an approach which is acceptable without a hidden agenda.
- That we succeed in demonstrating the love of Jesus and being ourselves in doing His work.
- Pray for Christian Churches to work together to make a better job of the help required in our communities.
- Reaching out to those who cannot come to worship on a Sunday.
- More ecumenical initiatives.
- More inter-church meetings
- People of faiths in public life.
- For support for those who are in public service and find conflict with their faith.
- Pray that God will help us all to know “Who am I?”.

COMMUNITY

- Pray for those working to alleviate Homelessness in the Community
- Pray for Employment in the Community
- Pray for all people working in our community, who benefit others.
- For partnership working – between local churches, voluntary bodies and Local Area Committee (of the Council).
- Pray for more working together locally

BUSINESSES

- Pray for Business challenges in difficult times.
- Pray for our Business leaders, of businesses small and large, that they know “who they are”, and that they will work for the good of the world and their staff.
- Encourage business people to meet and work with voluntary groups.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND SCHOOLS – teachers, support staff, parents and families

- Children growing up in Argyll
- Pray for Schools, seeking to give them the best opportunity for each child to flourish.
- Pray for involvement of the youth in our Churches – that we understand their needs, and find a fresh approach to their spirituality.
- Pray for children and their education, and for bridging the gap between those from rich and poor backgrounds.
- Children in abusive situations and are having a difficult time in school and at home.
- For teachers faced with difficult decisions - to be able to “Just do right”
- The children in crisis, that keep teachers awake at night.
- Parenting – things we can offer from churches: Courses, support, wisdom & guidance.
- Pray for our children, that they know “who they are”.
- Pray that young people are given the wisdom, support & guidance to make good choices for their lives.
- Schools see so many crisis issues in kids lives – how can the church help in the issues of mental health, life skills etc?.
- How to close the gap between richer families and poorer ones.
- More special needs help for children.
- Pray for those in schools who take risks to support children..
- Pray for inspirational teachers

NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Pray that the government of one of the richest countries uses taxes for the many not the few.
- Pray that our local and national leaders are given guidance and wisdom and love, and the ability to provide for all, especially the poor and needy.
- Choice of how the government of a rich country choses to spend money.
- Pray for our national and local political leaders.
- Education: pray for funding for education, & for a government prepared to raise taxes to fund this.

REV DUGALD CAMERON INSTALLED AS MODERATOR OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ARGYLL

On Tuesday 6th June our minister, Rev Dugald, was installed for his year of office as Moderator. He is seen in this picture with outgoing moderator Ms Marilyn Sheddan and Presbytery Clerk, Dr Chris Brett. At its meeting in Oban Parish Church on 6th June, Argyll Presbytery appointed Rev Dugald Cameron, Minister of Kilmore and Oban, as its Moderator for 2017-2018. In the photo are (left to right) Ms Marilyn Sheddan, the outgoing Moderator, Rev Dugald Cameron, and Dr Chris Brett, Presbytery Clerk. The Presbytery meeting began with a Celebration of the Lords Supper, during which Mr Cameron preached from Acts 2:14-21, and spoke of the importance of letting the Holy Spirit lead us as we dream dreams for the future. Other topics discussed at the meeting included new ways for Parishes to work together and opportunities for Churches to provide Chaplaincy in the



workplace. Rev Liz Gibson spoke of her ministry of encouraging care for creation, through welcoming guests from all over

the world at the croft she and her husband Martyn run on the Isle of Mull.

GERMANY TRAVELLERS



Readers may be interested to know that this image of our congregational travellers appeared in the Church of Scotland Life and Work Gaelic Supplement. Why? Because Rev Dugald, after much coaching from Babs MacIntyre, read in Gaelic from the New Testament. The people of Esslingen were delighted, for their ancient roots in Christian faith were planted by Gaelic speaking monks who had travelled

from Iona many hundreds of years before. The Oban Times was read by the Rev Dugald Cameron and Rev Chris Fulcher of Oban Parish Church in Germany last week. A group of 26 parishioners accompanied the Ministers to Stuttgart, Bad Urach and Esslingen, for one week. The Germany /Scotland link goes back to university days when Rev Cameron and Pfr. Christoph Bauerle now located in

Esslingen became friends. The mixed group from Oban enjoyed glorious weather, explored the town and countryside, sampled the wonderful food and made new friends from Christoph's church, the StadtKirche. And on the last Sunday at Church a gift was handed over to the Pfr. Christoph and his congregation – a beautiful canvas print of Oban Bay.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Sunday 2nd July

10.30 PC Morning Worship
12.00 K Kilmore Worship

Sunday 9th July (Remember Lord's Larder)

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 16th July

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 23rd July

10.30 PC Morning Worship
15.00 PC Gaelic Service

Sunday 30th July

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 6th August

10.30 PC Morning Worship and Sacrament
of Baptism
12.00 K Kilmore Worship

Sunday 13th August (Remember Lord's Larder)

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 20th August

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 27th August

10.30 PC Morning Worship followed by
Church Picnic
15.00 PC Gaelic Service

KEY: CC – Church Centre
K – Kilmore Kirk
PC – Oban Parish Church

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Baptisms ...*And a child shall lead them*

Cole Brian Gillies son of Robert and Adele Gillies.

Funerals ...*Nothing can separate us from the Love of God*

Mary MacKinnon of Morvern Hill, Oban.

Anne McQuade of Longsdale Terrace, Oban.

Marriages ...*Commitments in Love*

Julie Gray and Charles Hodge on 13th May 2017
at Kilmore Kirk by Rev. Dugald Cameron.

Denise MacColl and John Prosser on 3rd June 2017
at Kilmore Kirk by Rev. Dugald Cameron.

SHARING } { FAITH

A four-week course for church groups

In autumn we will be running four groups on Sharing Faith. This Church of Scotland course is designed to build us up in confidence when we are asked to share our faith. Our idea is to explore this Biblical theme, and our real life opportunities to share our faith. From August there will be sign-up sheets for the four week courses, run in afternoon or evening sessions. We will run the same four weeks courses again later in the year. For more in contact Rev Dugald or Rev Chris.

Dates: Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

12th, 19th, 26th September and 3rd October.

Thursdays at 2.30pm.

14th, 21st, 28th September and 5th October.

Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

31st October and 7th, 14th 21st November.

Thursdays at 2.30pm.

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd November.



PROJECT 'POSTCARD' 2017

For 2017, more postcards have been printed and we need your help to give them away!

First... if you go on holiday this summer, whether locally or further afield, we'd love you to take one with you, go into a church that you visit or worship in and give it to someone there, with greetings from Kilmore and Oban Parish Church.

Then... you can send a postcard back to us in Oban and we'll make a display of all the places that folk have been to.

Also... we'd really like you tell us something that you like about the church you have visited/worshiped in during your holiday.

And finally, if you are a visitor here in Oban, please take a postcard (they are available at the back of church) and pass on our greetings to your home church, wherever that may be.

EDITORIAL: Ken MacColl

**Our September edition will be available on
Sunday 27th August 2017.**

**Copy and photographs should be at the Church Office
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by Monday 21st August.**

**Photographs and short news items are always welcome.
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