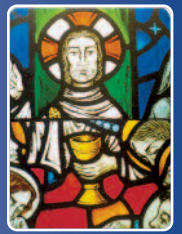




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**KILMORE & OBAN**  
*Belonging, Believing, Blessing*



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## FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



Is holding a faith irrational? Do you have to suspend your critical faculties to believe? To both questions I would answer 'no'. Rather, to be a Christian is to not limit yourself to that which is only rational, logical. Instead, in addition to our rational minds and to compliment them, we use our imaginations.

And our imagination in faith challenges given notions in the deepest of ways of perception. One of my lecturers at Edinburgh University, Noel Dermot O'Donoghue wrote in respect of imagination: *To the senses it says: listen to the Presence, feel it, touch it, breathe it in. To the intellect it says: open up beyond the heavy material world to a Presence and presences that refuse to be controlled by your limiting categories.*

Further, O'Donoghue addresses the yearning we all have as children of God, looking for God.

(Imagination speaks of) a Presence that you are longing to encounter and affirm, for it enriches and completes the meaning, the rationale, of creation.

What brought this train of thought was the joy we had of weeks of sunshine. This, and the old Gaelic affirmation that the sun dances. To rational minds the sun is a collection of burning gases, around which the universe revolves – and that is true. But as people we search too for meaning in the sun and creation.

So, we pray and contemplate, and find connections, and know the Presence of God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. And over time, in faith, prayer, hope and mystery, we may see the sun dance. And where better than looking west from Argyll.

## INTERIM MODERATOR AND PRESBYTERY PLANNING



Rev Dugald's year as the Moderator of the Presbytery of Argyll drew to a close at the beginning of June. He greatly enjoyed his time in this role. For continuity he will continue to be a member of the Presbytery's Safeguarding Panel for another year.

His other Presbytery duties include being Interim Moderator to Connel and Coll. He will be preaching in Connel in July and going out to Coll at the beginning of November.

The other big demand on his time will be his membership of the four strong group charged with reviewing the 10 year Presbytery Plan. This review looks at the provision of ministries across Argyll; full-time ministers of Word and Sacrament, Mission and Discipleship staff, OLM (Ordained Local Ministers, deacons and readers. The plan will this time take into account the viability and need for buildings. Journeys will be made soon to such places as Islay and Dunoon.



# PRESBYTERY PRAYER ROTA

In the month ahead, please pray for the following:

## 1st July

Congregations of: Tiree;  
Dunoon St Johns

Across Presbytery: Augusta Lamont  
Bequest Committee

## 8th July

Congregations of: Tobermory;  
Inellan

## 15th July

Congregations of: Torosay &  
Kinlochspelve;  
Toward

Across Presbytery: Youth Workers

## 22nd July

Congregations of: Kilmore & Oban;  
Kilfinan

Wider Community: The Media, Arts  
and Entertainment

## 29th July

Congregations of: Coll;  
Kilmodan &  
Colintraive

Across Presbytery: Presbytery Clerk

## PROPERTY UPDATE

**Parish Church.** The tendering process is now underway and when a contractor is chosen the re-slating and roof repairs will commence – we hope later this summer. The work will not affect access to the church for worship. It is also hoped to address the pigeon problem at this time.

**Manse.** The manse will also be re-tiled this summer with work starting on 16th July. A new kitchen will be installed and some redecoration will take place.

**Kilmore Kirk.** The Session approved the building of a toilet by the Kirk, along with adaptations to the vestry to fit in a sink and kitchen units.

At the moment BBC Alba are looking at the installation of the kitchen being featured on DIY Donnie.



## POSAUNENCHOR, VIELEN DANK OBAN

Thank you so much for the gift of the Quaich to the Posaunenchor. We are following your instructions of presenting the Quaich on an annual basis to the person or persons who have been outstanding in building up the fellowship of our group. This year we have given it to Christoph and

Adelheid Bauerle, who did so much to make our trip to Scotland possible.

We also have been so touched by the wonderful generosity of the congregation and people of Oban. Our weekend with you was the highlight of our time in Scotland.

Ronald Kolb



Exchange of gifts, the Oban Choir, the Esslingen Band and the ladies who organised the hospitality. Photos by Alex Clark.



Kilmore and Oban meets  
Esslingen at Oban  
on Friday 25th May 2018



# CIVIC PRAYER BREAKFAST IN OBAN

Thursday 14th June 2018



*Councillors, Clergy and congregational Leaders from Lorn participated in the event.*

*Photos by Alex Clark.*



## TOILET TWINNING – FLUSHING AWAY POVERTY

To mark our sanitary improvements at Kilmore the Kirk Session has approved sponsoring two installations, one in Malawi and one in South Sudan.

Our twinning certificates can be seen displayed in the Church Centre (between the male/female toilet doors) and in the Parish Church toilet.

It is open to any individual, business or organisation to twin their own toilets and receive similar framed certificates for a donation of £60 each.

Toilet Twinning raises funds to enable people living in poor communities to have clean water, a basic toilet, and to learn about hygiene – a vital combination that helps end generational poverty.

[www.toilettwinning.org/what-we-do/](http://www.toilettwinning.org/what-we-do/)



- 2.3 billion people don't have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet. (WHO/Unicef)
- The lack of a loo makes women and girls a target for sexual attack as they go to the toilet in the open, late at night.
- Almost 1,000 children die every day from preventable diseases linked to dirty water and unsafe toilets. (UN)
- 663 million people live without safe water. (Unicef)
- Children worldwide miss 443 million school days each year because of dirty water and poor sanitation. (UN)
- Every year, women and girls spend 97 billion hours finding a place to go. (World Bank)



The total raised from Kilmore and Oban door to door collectors and the street collection came to c£1,200. This has been forwarded to the national office in Glasgow. Other congregations in the town will send their amounts directly. So, well done to everyone who took part this year in collecting, counting, and donating.

## EVENING OF THANKS AND REMEMBERING



The theme this year, as we remembered and gave thanks for those we have loved and lost, was 'The Tapestry of Life'. We spent time listening to readings, poems and music which remind us of how we form a living tapestry; with threads that weave together our lives and memories. Whilst not a 'service' in the traditional sense of the word, the evening definitely creates a quiet space in which to both acknowledge our grief, give thanks and find hope. My thanks to everyone who helped prepare and lead the evening.

*Rev Chris*

## SUMMER SUNDOWN IS MOVING!

This year we have become ecumenical and the services will be held in St John's Cathedral on **Tuesday evenings at 8pm on 17th, 24th, 31st July & 14th August.**

Everyone is very welcome to attend and we also want to really encourage holiday makers to join us for this time of informal worship and fellowship.

**Please put the dates in your diary and spread the word.**

## MONDAY PRAYER GROUP

Will not meet during July and August.

Our first meeting in September will include planning for a trip to Iona. Please come and join us.

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

## Sunday 1st July

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
12.00	K	Kilmore Worship

## Sunday 8th July (*Remember Lord's Larder*)

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
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## Sunday 15th July

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
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## Sunday 22nd July

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
15.00	PC	Gaelic Service

## Sunday 29th July

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
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## Sunday 5th August

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

## Sunday 12th August (*Remember Lord's Larder*)

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
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## Sunday 19th August

10.30	PC	Morning Worship and Sacrament of Baptism
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## Sunday 26th 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*

Jamie William Brown son of Harry and Jean Brown

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

Norma Foster of Eader Glinn (formerly MacGregor Court, Oban)

Peter MacNaughton of McCaig Road, Oban

Peter Swaddle of Dunmar Court, Oban

John Bannatyne of Longsdale Terrace, Oban

### Marriages *...Commitments in Love*

Rachael Payne to Jamie McGee at Kilmore Church by Rev. Dugald Cameron on 16th June, 2018

## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS TO BE SHARED AROUND CONGREGATIONS

### Health & Wholeness

#### *Please pray:*

- For “**Healthy Options**”, a Community Health Initiative in Lorn & Oban, which encourages people to get healthier and fitter through participation in a flexible programme of activity designed to meet individual needs. ([www.lornhealthyoptions.co.uk](http://www.lornhealthyoptions.co.uk)) for details.
- For Roy Clunie and the other volunteer Directors – to make the vision known, and the great changes to personal lives that have resulted from the Initiative.
- For the individuals who are on the “Healthy Options” programme, and for the staff and volunteers who help them.
- For Oban and surrounding villages to be Scotland’s first Healthy Living town & villages.
- For all with chronic illness, and for all who help in any way to make their lives better.
- That the links that join poverty with ill health may be broken.
- That we may all help to break the ice of loneliness that isolates others, even if we are shy when doing so.
- For those who are isolated in their community.

### New Hope Oban

#### *Please pray:*

- For “**Hope Kitchen**” Oban: Hope is a Christian-led, charitable organisation, whose aim is the advancement of services which provide food, shelter and companionship to vulnerable and marginalised people living within the area of Oban and Lorn ([www.hopekitchen.org.uk](http://www.hopekitchen.org.uk)) for more details.
- For Lorraine McCormick and the other staff and volunteers of New Hope.
- For all the work they do with the homeless.
- For the sharing of the Christian message (in word and deed),
- For all those who attend and are supported,
- For those who are still nervous or uncertain about using New Hope.
- Pray for New Hope’s increasing programme of events and activities to feed the community’s minds and souls.
- Pray for continued funding and support from local businesses, churches and individuals.

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