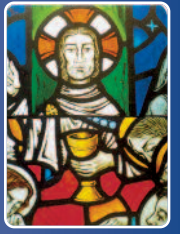




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WHAT'S ON

LATEST NEWS

SERVICE TIMES

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



Apparently it has been a bad year for conkers. Now, that won't interest you at all, unless you happen to have entered the world conker championships! It only interested me because, Steve and I discovered that, for the first time since we moved to the manse in Southend, the horse chestnut tree in the garden had actually produced conkers.

As I held a conker in my hand, I was reminded of my childhood... and a huge conker tree that grew in the garden of a house very close to my primary school. As children we would dare each other to creep into Miss Boot's garden and 'steal' a conker for our own playground conker fights. Of course that can't happen nowadays, partly because Miss Boot, the house and the tree have gone but also because playground conker fights are deemed to be too dangerous. That's Health and Safety regulations for you!

How often we complain that we are becoming a 'nanny state'. There is a rule or regulation for everything. We laugh or moan about it, not least because there seems little room to apply simple common sense. So much of our everyday life seems bound by rules.

But what about faith? There is an account in the Bible which tells of a group of Jewish men who were out walking one Saturday and, feeling peckish, they picked some corn to eat. "You can't do that!" said some onlookers. "That counts as working on the Sabbath."

Jesus heard the comment and replied, "What did King David do when his soldiers were hungry? They took bread from the Temple." (Matthew 12: 1-8) What is more important, the day of rest or the people resting? The rule or the reason behind it? The story continues and Jesus heals a disabled man on the Sabbath. He asks, "Which is more lawful on the Sabbath? To do good or harm? To save or to kill?" Jesus healed him. Common sense.

On another occasion in the Bible, a lawyer asked Jesus which is the most important rule to obey. Being a lawyer, he knew there were plenty of rules. (Mark 12: 28-34)

But Jesus' reply was straight and to the point: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." And the second most important rule: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Got it. Rule and common sense in one. *God bless, Rev Chris*



TOGETHER WE PRAY

A National Day of Prayer for the Church of Scotland

**SATURDAY 3rd
NOVEMBER 2018**

The General Assembly of 2017 issued a call to the Church of Scotland to come together in prayer, and this call was reissued by the 2018 Assembly.

Together We Pray is a national initiative to support the Church in responding to that call to prayer.

The intention is that people, wherever they are, will set time aside to pray for each other, our communities and for the future of the Church of Scotland within the changing spiritual, political and cultural landscapes of Scotland and beyond.

Prayer booklets are available at the back of church.

PLEASE WILL YOU PRAY?

PRESBYTERY PRAYER ROTA

In the month ahead, please pray for the following:

4th November

Congregations of: Kildalton & Oa;
Glenorchy & Innishael

Across Presbytery: Superintendence and
Business Committees

11th November

Congregations of: Killean & Kilchenzie
(A'Cleit); Iona

18th November

Congregations of: Kilbrandon &
Kilchattan

Wider Community: Farming & Fishing
Communities

25th November

Congregations of: Kilninver & Kilmelford;
Kilchrenan & Dalavich

Across Presbytery: Property Committee

Please also pray for:

- Christian Aid 2018 Harvest Appeal
www.christianaid.org.uk/harvest-appeal
- H2O – as they seek a new Lead Youth
Worker. www.hope2oban.org.uk

WINTER PRAISE Monday 19th November

Come join us for an evening of winter food and praise. Enjoy a mixture of some old favourites and contemporary songs as well as musical performance and prose.

Food served from 6.30pm and musical programme getting underway at 7.30pm.

Donation event.

St John's Cathedral, George St, Oban.

Organised by Hope2Oban and local churches.

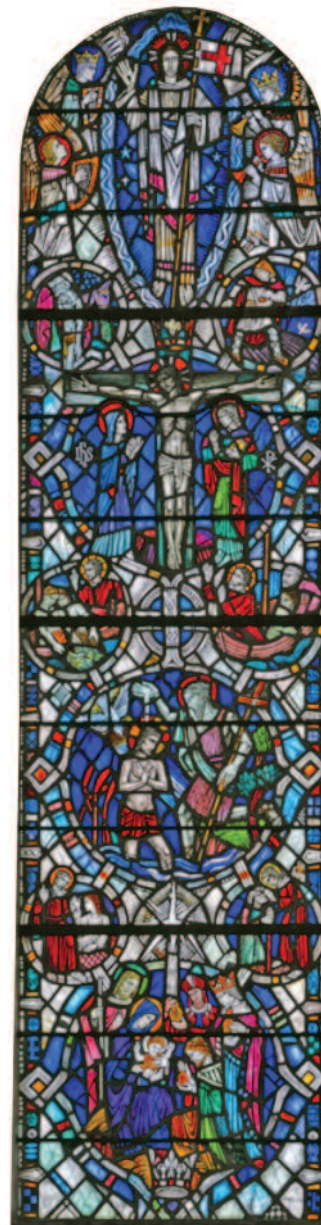
OBAN PARISH CHURCH STAINED GLASS

Some information was recently communicated to us Scottish Stained Glass Trust about our stained glass. Here is an extract:

There is in SSGT records, a copy of a photograph by Willie Wilson of his cartoon for the 'medallion window' as he calls it in Oban C. of S. parish church. On the back he gives the size as approx. 12 feet by 3 feet. The four medallion's portray from the bottom up the Nativity of Christ (with the three kings/wise men shown as well), the Baptism of Christ, the Crucifixion of Christ. and Christ Ascended. Other miniature medallions show other narratives from the life of Christ.

Photographs from the Willie Wilson Archives, The Scottish Stained Glass Trust (SSGT).

The web address for the (early stage) register/record of stained glass in Scotland is www.stainedglasstustscotland.org.uk There are only about 300 windows in it at the moment but there are hundreds upon hundreds of records waiting to go in. To know more about going SSGT membership/mailling list please contact Membership Secretary Jenifer Davidson.



Due to flooding in the boiler house the service on Sunday 14th October was held in the hall. This photo shows the place before it was packed full of the congregation.

HOW MANY TOILETS CAN WE TWIN TO CELEBRATE WORLD TOILET DAY THIS YEAR?



Could you help us do something incredible for people living without the fundamental basics of a decent loo and clean water? We'd

love you to consider holding a Spag Bog social or putting on a Soggy Bottoms bake sale with friends in the run up to World Toilet Day on **Monday, 19 November**.

We have all you need to make your event a success, including recipes donated by generous celebrities, games ideas and resources. Ask us for a pack or download resources today!

Together, we have just reached 100,000 twins. Thank you so much for being part of our journey so far. Please help us save more lives by fundraising and twinning loos for World Toilet Day!

REMEMBRANCE



Kilmore and Oban will mark the 100th year since the WWI Armistice within worship, as normal. There will also be a commemoration at the War Memorial around the 11.00am silence.

PRESBYTERY NOTES

You may be interested in some of the things happening around Argyll Presbytery.

The Ministry Committee is looking for members of congregations to sign up as Pastoral Carers. Mr Ronnie Neil of Bruce & Neil, Chartered Architects, Oban, has been appointed as Property Consultant for the Argyll Presbytery. Congregations are encouraged to become involved in local plastics clean up,

All Elders must now take advantage of Safeguarding Training as outlined by Mrs Doreen Henderson.

Our Minister Rev Dugald Cameron sits on the Presbytery Planning Committee looking ahead at Ministry around Argyll Presbytery instructs that all congregations should appoint a Health & Safety Administrator; Presbytery will appoint a Co-Ordinator.

A Clerical Stole is to be purchased for the incumbent Moderator. The design is very Celtic, colourful and unique. Did you know that the Church of Scotland has its own tartan? Check the website.

Congregations are urged to appoint a Learning Disability Representative. Names to Presbytery.

TAX DEMAND SCAM!

There is a new tax fraud being attempted by telephone on a 0141 number. The caller claims to be from the "tax office" in Glasgow and they are going to prosecute you for fraudulent theft of tax.

Just hang up. The phone caller is aggressive and unpleasant – so avoid the upset. Amongst many others from the area two members of the congregation have already had these phone calls!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Sunday 4th November

10.30 PC Morning Worship
12.00 K Morning Worship

Sunday 11th November (Hope Kitchen)

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 18th November

10.30 PC Morning Worship with Baptism

Sunday 25th November

10.00 CC Family Faithshare
10.30 PC Morning Worship
3.00 PC Gaelic Worship
(Rev. Dr. Roddy Retirement)

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

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

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

Ian Kerr of Etive Gardens, Oban

Allan Munro of Torosay Court, Oban

Harry Forbes of Connel

EDITORIAL:

Ken MacColl

Our next edition

will be available on

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**Copy and photographs should
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***Photographs and short news
items are always welcome.***

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SHARING FAITH PROFILE

Margaret MacLean



How did you find your way into the congregation of Kilmore and Oban?

I am the fourth generation of my family to attend The Parish Church. I was baptised in the church; Joan Campbell took me to Sunday School for the first time. Following on from that came Bible Class, Teacher Training, Youth Club, Young Women's Group, Guild and Kirk Session.

Why is your faith important to you?

I think in life, if you did not believe there is always a reason behind circumstances, it would be difficult to carry on.

What excites you about being part of the Church?

The challenges that lie ahead in our town and country and how our National Church and our own church will embrace them.

Do you have a favourite piece of music and/or hymn, reading?

Favourite Psalm: I waited for the Lord my God. Favourite Reading: Isaiah 53. Both bring back memories of Religious Education in Oban High School

Tell us about your working life.

I attended college in Aberdeen, came home and started and finished my working life in the same building Kilbowie House. I worked in school catering in Park Primary and Oban High, and then became Area Manager covering Oban, Lorn and The Isles. I was responsible for catering, cleaning and janitorial services in all council buildings, and catering for functions hosted by the council. Travelling the area and meeting people made the job interesting and a challenge, but the happy memories and lasting friendships made it all worthwhile.

How do you relax?

Not sure if it is relaxing but I enjoy playing bowls, and meeting friends for a coffee and a chat.

What is your favourite food, place, book, movie?

Favourite place: coming down the Bealach-an-Righ. Favourite book: Thorn Birds. Favourite movie: Mama Mia.

Is there someone who has been a real inspiration in faith, and if so, why?

My parents brought me up in the faith and despite personal tragedy in their lives never lost their faith, or their commitment to the church.