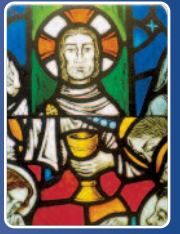




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**KILMORE & OBAN**  
*Belonging, Believing, Blessing*



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**FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK**



Depending upon your circumstances it can be either daunting or exciting to look ahead. Being a dad to two girls starting another academic year at Oban High School reminds you that these emotions can be mixed together. There is the excitement of catching up with your friends and the fun of teenagers being all together. But, there is also the daunting thought of facing all the work and exams.

Kilmore and Oban, in a sense, along with many other congregations, gets going again in September. For many people this period on the calendar carries more practical significance than the Christian Year and the Lectionary. Dates and activities have to be sorted, people contacted, arrangements made. Sometimes the tasks may seem daunting, for we operate in a climate that is not conducive to church life. However, because God's presence is real there is also excitement.

The Holy Spirit is there to guide us in our life and work. So lets us be encouraged and affirm that which is good for us as a congregation serving in this parish, and beyond. We are blessed that we may worship freely in Kilmore and in Oban. We have children in our midst and baptisms to celebrate. When Communion is celebrated there is a real togetherness around Christ's table. The Church Centre is vibrant with so many groups using our facilities. Our choir and musicians lead us with skill and commitment. Our office bearers work hard and insightfully, and the Guild is so supportive. Sunday School and Family Faithshare are places of joy and deepening of Christian faith.

Most of all, let us give thanks for God being with us in Christ Jesus. For sometimes we get caught up in the practicalities of organising a congregation and let slip from our minds something of the wonder of God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. So in the midst of a daunting or exciting future may God's blessing be upon you and us together.

*Rev Dugald Cameron*

**PEW BIBLES**

On Sunday 3rd September we will dedicate our new Pew Bibles. Rev Margaret Forrester will be preaching, both in Oban and Kilmore, on the day we mark our faith in God's Word leading us forward.

The New Revised Standard Version will be used in worship and in all our common life from that day forward. Copies of the NRSV can be gifted to the church and inscribed in thankfulness for someone special. The inscription will read:



**KILMORE and OBAN**

*In thankfulness for the faith of*

.....

**this Bible is given to the glory of God,  
 Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*Let the word of Christ  
 dwell in you richly*  
 (Colossians 3 verse 16)

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Copies can be donated by filling in the Order Form, available at the rear of the Parish Church or from the church office. Copes cost £7.50 each. (Bibles for home use will be on offer at a later date).

## REV DR MARGARET FORRESTER

On **Sunday 3rd September**, when we dedicate our new Bibles, Rev Dr Margaret Forrester will be preaching. Margaret has recently been awarded an Honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Edinburgh University in recognition for her contribution for paving the way for women ministers in the Church. (See the September edition of Life and Work for a full article). Margaret was minister at St. Michael's, Edinburgh when Rev Dugald was on a student placement.

## OCCASIONAL VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

A few years ago there used to be a rota of drivers who gave folk a lift to and from church. It has dwindled as time has gone by, though we appreciate that a number of folk offer lifts on a regular basis.

It is never easy to ask for a lift, but it is a different matter if we are able to OFFER a lift from time to time, especially if it is for a service such as Communion, Harvest or Songs of Praise.

If you would be happy to offer a lift to someone for special services and events, please let Rev Chris know.

## MODERATOR DUTIES

Rev Dugald is enjoying his time as Moderator of Argyll Presbytery. Later this month he will be leading worship at the 'setting apart' of a reader, David MacPhee. This special service will take place in the United Church of Bute on **Thursday 14th September**. Rev Dugald will also be up front at the two-day Presbytery Conference at Portavadie. The longer format of this conference allows presbyters from all over Argyll to get to know each other better and thus build stronger working relationships. Rev Dugald, meanwhile, is still Interim Moderator for Glenorchy, Innishael and Strathfillan.

## LODGING HOUSE MISSION, GLASGOW

When in Glasgow do you ever feel you would like to do more to help those you pass sitting on the street begging? I discovered recently there is a non-profit Christian charity in Glasgow which has been running for 100 years, helping those who find themselves homeless relying on the streets for survival. They provide 45,000 meals annually for those who are homeless, vulnerable or socially excluded.

They offer practical support by providing a daily free meal. Tickets can be purchased through the organisation at £1 per voucher. These can be given instead of money to the homeless and they can exchange these for 1 full breakfast or lunch. You can buy however many you

require and can then give when faced with someone in need. The charity also works with people to give them an opportunity to get their lives back on track by enabling them to develop new skills and a feeling of self-worth.

They provide educational and recreational activities, support staff and counsellors, chaplaincy and facilities of showers, laundry telephone and internet.

If you would like to find out more and read some of the survival stories please visit the website [www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk](http://www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk).

Tel 0141 553 0658,

Email [enquiries@lhm-glasgow.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lhm-glasgow.org.uk).

*Liz Crawford*

### Members of the Choir along with Organists and friends enjoyed lunch in June at the Olive Garden (photos by Alex Clark)



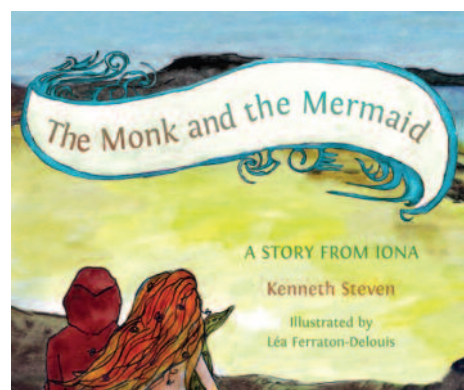
## THE MONK AND THE MERMAID

### A story from Iona, told for children

Book by Kenneth Steven. Illustrated by Léa Ferraton-Delouis

On St Columba's Bay at the south end of Iona, on the beach where the monks first landed in their coracles from Ireland, you can still find the most beautiful green stones, polished by the sea. This is the legend, told for children, of how these wonderful stones came to be, and why they are there to this very day.

(Can be ordered from Wild Goose Publications, Iona Community, [www.ionabooks.com](http://www.ionabooks.com))



## AWAY DAYS

On 1st August, a group of eight folk travelled down to Kilbrandon Parish Church on the Isle of Seil for a day of fellowship and prayer. The focus for the day was prayer labyrinths. We learned a little about the history of labyrinths before

making our own, which you can see in the photo. We then spent time in prayer, using the labyrinths we had made as an aid, and finished our day with an informal service of Holy Communion.



(photo Alex Clark)

A group of around 20 visited Kilmartin in June accompanied by Murdo MacDonald, formerly Council Archivist who shared considerable knowledge of the local Kirk and Kirkyard and of local history. We then continued, in variable weather, to the

prehistoric Stone Circle at Temple Wood and a circuitous walk through part of the Poltalloch Estate. The hardest amongst us finished with a blustery ascent of the Hill Fort of Dunadd, the early (6th C) recorded settlement of Scots in Scotland.



(photo Alex Clark)

# THE GUILD



**Welcomes Men & Women of all ages**

As Summer draws to a close we look forward to a new Guild session. We decided at our AGM that Rev Chris and I would be sharing the leadership of meetings and we are indebted to her for compiling an interesting and varied syllabus for the year ahead. This year's theme is "Go in Love" and we look forward to welcoming speakers who will share with us their work and life experiences.

Our first meeting is on **Wednesday 13th September at 2.00pm** when Linda Fryer of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be our guest and this promises to start us on a positive note.

Our thoughts are with members who cannot be with us. We will miss their company and remember them and their loved ones in our prayers. All this we do as we acknowledge

**"Where we are and Whom we serve"**

*Margaret MacLean*

## ESSLINGEN POSAUNENCHOR

Just a wee advance notice. The wonderful brass band from Esslingen will be visiting Oban next year, 2018. They will be in Oban **26th, 27th, 28th May**, playing in the Parish Church on the Sunday morning and giving an Oban Music Society concert that afternoon. Our Esslingen travellers can affirm that it is worthwhile hearing them – they are great!



## PRAYER GROUP

**Mondays 11.30am Church Centre**

We have had a break over the summer but will start meeting again on **Monday 11th September**. Remember that you can ask for prayer for yourself or for someone else. All requests are kept confidential and names need not be included if that is preferred.

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

## Sunday 3rd September

10.30	PC	Morning Worship – Dedication of new pew Bibles
12.00	K	Kilmore Worship – Dedication of new pew Bibles

## Sunday 10th September *(Remember Lord's Larder)*

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
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## Sunday 17th September

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
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## Sunday 24th September

10.00	CC	Family Faithshare
10.30	PC	Morning Worship
15.00	PC	Gaelic Service

## Friday 29th September

19.00	PC	Preparatory Service
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**KEY:** CC – Church Centre  
K – Kilmore Kirk  
PC – Oban Parish Church

## CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

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

Cara Lily Isaac daughter of David and Caroline Isaac.  
Callan George Crawford son of Grant and Maria-Cristina Crawford.  
Alasdair MacGregor Morgan Green son of Michael and Kirsty Green

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

Iain MacArthur of Ardconnel Road, Oban  
Margaret Comely of Connel Road, Oban  
Irene Wood of Ganavan, Oban  
John MacDougall Craig of Kerrera Terrace, Oban  
Alastair Binnie of Dunmar Court, Oban  
Catherine Campbell of Longsdale Terrace, Oban  
Joseph Devanay of Columba Court, Oban  
Kayla MacDonald of Camus Road, Dunbeg  
Andrew Farmer of Longsdale Terrace, Oban  
Alexina (Lexie) Wright of Shuna Terrace, Oban  
Maurice Duncan of Nelson Road, Oban

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

Shona MacLean to John Storr on 15th July 2017 at Kilmore Kirk by Rev. Dugald Cameron.  
Gayle Munro to Alastair Dickie on 28th July at Kilmore Kirk by Rev. Dugald Cameron.  
Catriona Kerr to Alexander MacDonald on 12th August 2017 at Kilmore Kirk by Rev. Dugald Cameron.  
Jade MacEwan to Jonathan Brown on 19th August at Oban Parish Church by Rev. Dugald Cameron.

# SHARING } { FAITH

## A four-week course for church groups

When it comes to sharing faith, lots of Christians' first thought is of a bold preacher, confidently proclaiming carefully crafted words that have taken a lifetime of learning to prepare. It doesn't always have to be like that.

Sharing Faith is a new four-week course designed for groups in churches to explore how we can each convey, to those closest to us, the difference that following Jesus makes in our lives.

Throughout the four sessions - with a combination of Bible study, group discussions, activities and prayer - we'll explore practical things we can do to help share our faith better:

- 1. By seeking to understand and unconditionally love them first**
- 2. By looking at how sharing faith can be a natural overflow of our own discipleship in Jesus**
- 3. By preparing ourselves to explain the difference our faith in God has made in our lives**
- 4. By making sharing faith a natural habit – not something for special occasions.**

We are running the course four times during the autumn, with options to attend in the daytime and the evening, and we hope that it will be a very practical tool for us as we seek to become a more 'invitational' church.

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Please add your name and join us!

*Rev Dugald and Rev Chris*

## THE GUILD

# Coffee Morning

Saturday, 7th October

10.30am  
until 12 noon

Entry by donation  
– all welcome



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*Our October edition will be available on  
Sunday 1st October 2017.*

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