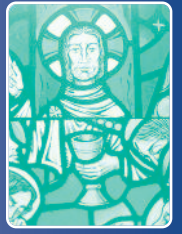




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Belonging, Believing, Blessing



WHAT'S ON

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



*A-chum do ainm Iosa gun
lubadh gach gluin, de
nithean a tha air neamh
agus de nithean a tha air
thalamh, agus de nithean
a tha fon talamh. Agus
gun aidicheach gach
teanga gur e Iosa Crìosd
an Tighearna, a-chum
gloir Dhe an Athair.*

*That at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, of
those in heaven, and those
on earth, and of those
under the earth, and that
every tongue should
confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God
the Father. (Philippians 2
v 10-11)*

For 1,500 years people have used the above words in Lorn. They, and now we, have given glory to God-in-Christ who through resurrection has given hope to the world.

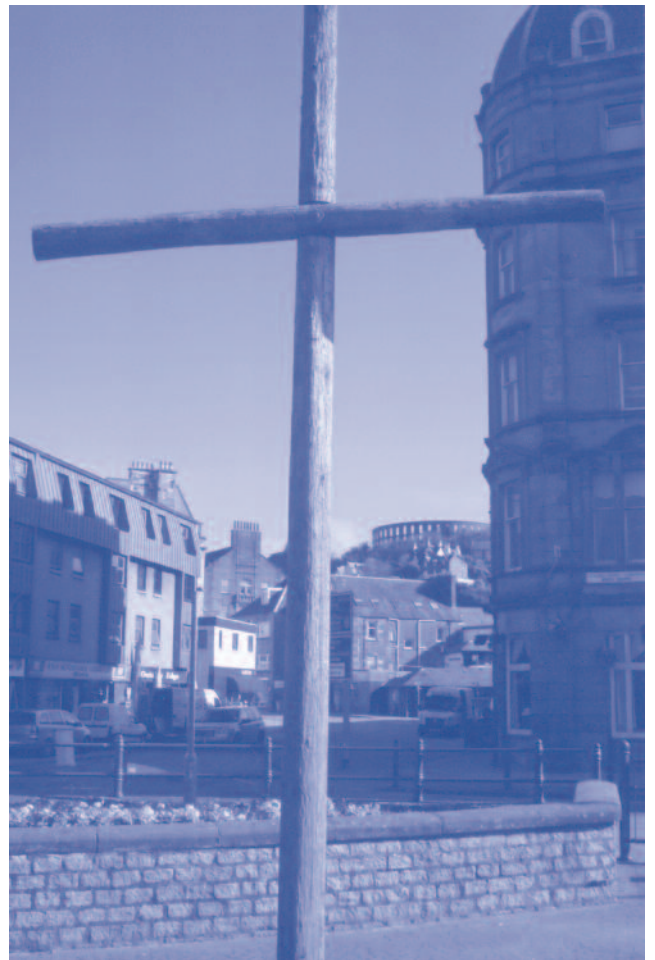
We should be conscious of the centuries of continual praise which has emanated from here. For God has taken the ordinary fallible people and placed His Word upon their lips, and thus spread the Good News of his love. Over time we have been a mixture of faithful and unfaithful, repressive or liberating, loving or narrow. And yet God has kept faith with his people.

We are still resurrection people. And as we go through fast change in church and society life we should remind ourselves that the faith stretches not just across time but cross the globe.

There are Christians everywhere; the church is growing, and they are our brothers and sisters in faith. For example, where are the biggest Presbyterian churches in the world? – Korea! So rejoice in God's word – *That every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord; Agus gun aidicheach gach teanga gur e Iosa Crìosd an Tighearna.*

As we go forward together as people of Kilmore and Oban may we give thanks for all that God is doing in our congregation, and in the church in Oban, in Scotland, in His whole world. For sometimes we become very parochial, and focus in on our own we space and time. Yet our God is a

CHRIST IS RISEN!



great God, and our own congregation is part of a world of faith, united to each other is Jesus Christ. And perhaps we may recognise that our strength does not rely upon numbers, status, influence and power, but upon faithfulness to a crucified God who rose again.

Dugald Cameron

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OBAN FM

Tune in on Sunday 15th May to hear Rev Dugald. His choice of music to accompany his Thought for the Day can be a wee bit different. So far Bruce Springsteen, Nina Simone, the theme from Wallander, and the irrepressible Dolly Parton, amongst others, have all had a play. These choices were made for a reason; to fit the theme for the day and to make folk sit up and listen. Non church folk could just switch off at a hymn, and anyway, most of us will be in church singing them anyway! (and if you can't be in church any longer remember you just need to ask for a weekly copy of our recorded service to sing along to.)

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of

ALZHEIMER SCOTLAND OBAN & LORN BRANCH

To be held in
**CHURCH CENTRE,
GLENCRUITTEN ROAD**
on
SATURDAY 28th MAY
from
10.00am – 12 noon

Usual stalls
Any donations
gratefully received
on morning

AV IN PERSPECTIVE

Two churches in Fife, Largo and Newburn and Largo St David's planned to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Authorised Version of the Bible by reading aloud all 66 books, 1,189 Chapters and over 31,000 verses in the space of seven days.

As we go to press the reading was about to be completed.

PILGRIMAGE WALKS – NOW AND LATER



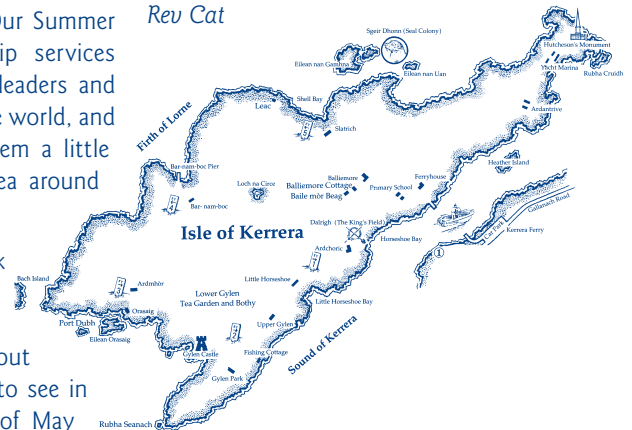
On Saturday, May 7, we will take a special Prayer Walk around the Isle of Kerrera, beginning at 12 noon and ending around 4:30-5:00 p.m. in the afternoon. The idea of a prayer walk started when we paused to consider just how many "spiritual travellers" we had hanging about Oban. Our Summer Sundowns and Sunday worship services were full of ministers, worship leaders and church people from all around the world, and wouldn't it be great to offer them a little something special about the area around Oban?

That's when the idea of a walk around Kerrera hit us. We're working with Ian Kerr and a couple of other folks to find out what sites might be of interest to see in an afternoon, and on the 7th of May

we'll have our first ever go at the Official Kilmore-Oban C of S Kerrera Tour! -A special prize to the person who can give us a spiffy title-. We'll meet at Gallanach ferry site, ferry over (you can swim if you really want to) and enjoy a bagged lunch together (bring your own) before we see some of the sites together, taking time for reflection and prayer along the way. It's going to be a good quiet time... but a good time for fellowship, too. In fact, we welcome everyone. Don't be shy about bringing along the kids, dogs, pet ferrets, etc. If you think you'd like to come along, let the church office know. It's not necessary to make a reservation, but we want to get a good idea of who is coming.

We are hoping to expand this project into a resource that all kinds of people can use, perhaps tempting them to wait a day before they go off to Iona. We'll later be providing maps, devotionals and some guides, knowing very well that this could even expand into that famous St. Andrews-Oban walk....

Rev Cat



LIFE & WORK & THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The May edition of Life & Work is now available

It features mainly the meeting of The General Assembly 2011 that takes place in Edinburgh in May from Sunday 22nd and contains an in depth interview with the Moderator-Designate, the Rev David Arnott, who is a retired parish minister with a wide experience of pastoral work and also a frequent contributor to the proceedings of the General Assembly as a past Convenor of the Committee on Education for the Ministry and latterly a Senior Director of the Church's Assessment Conferences.

The magazine contains previews of the major reports that are scheduled for debate during the week and a useful précis of the many fringe events that will also take place. One particular new feature is the Roll Away the Stone event taking place on the opening Sunday in West Princes Street Gardens

which will run from 1.00pm until 6.00pm and will be an amalgam of church related attractions and activities. Clowns, buskers and scenes from the Easter Play will be acted out amongst information stands from the various Councils of the Church and many other church related organisations including Souper Sunday, promoting the church's HIV/Aids project and Crossreach, the social care arm of our church. The Ross Bandstand will feature the experience of sampling a range of differing music styles, from the Scottish Arts Chamber Orchestra, the Scotland Africa massed Choir to an Oban favourite, Fischy Music. More information is at www.rollawaythesstone.org.uk

Kilmore and Oban will be represented at the Assembly this year by Doreen Henderson and the Rev Cat Knott.



CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week is from 15th to 21st May and we join with other churches in Oban and across Scotland assisting with house to house collections and a street collection on the Saturday .

Anybody able to give time to this should contact Rev Carol Leech (564582) or leave your name at the Church office.

Visit the Christian Aid website for further information and suggestions.

DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

We are now well over halfway towards reaching our initial target of £40,000, so a very big thank you to all who have worked so hard to make that possible. We had set a target of £1000 for our tabletop sale and in the event raised almost exactly double that. Perhaps more importantly, we enjoyed a sociable and fun occasion with a splendid afternoon tea as well! Several of the local charity shops benefited too from the goods that we were unable to sell on the day, so nothing was wasted.

The concerts by Ken Harrower's pupils and the Agape singers from Michigan were very well received, as was the Desert Island Hymns which was the brainchild of Morag Duncan. Thanks to all those who worked hard to make them a success!

We have planned a number of events before having a short pause in activities over the peak summer period. The committee hope that there will be some of these to suit everyone.

The Kerrera Walk on Saturday 7th May is the next date for your diary and Rev Cat has featured that in her newsletter piece.

The Westminster College Choir and Wind Ensemble from Pennsylvania will give our next concert in the Corran Esplanade Church on Wed 25th May at 7.30 pm. We hope to attract a big local audience from Oban and from the hotels. Don't miss this one. Entry by donation.

Then we have something completely different on Saturday 11th June in the Church Centre at 7.00 pm. Rev Cat, Family Faithshare, and friends are planning an American style "Hoe Down". This will be a fun evening for all the family. Expect music, dancing, great food and lots more! Everyone welcome!

Finally, Helen Pearson, snr is putting together a new quiz which should be available soon.

We do hope you will enjoy some of all of these activities as we move forward together as a congregation and community.

Andy Henderson, Convenor

THE GUILD



Welcomes Men and Women of all ages

A small group of members, led by Christine Pearson, accompanied by Margaret Fletcher and Bill Matthews, visited Eadar Glinn in March. The purpose here was to entertain the residents and provide afternoon tea and their visit was very much appreciated.

The AGM on 24th March was held after members had visited the North Argyll for Afternoon Tea. The funds were found to be in good order and all office bearers were re-elected and thanks recorded for their work and support throughout the session.

Members are reminded of the Spring Rally that is to be held at North Connel Hall on Saturday 4th June at 2.30pm. Members hoping to attend or requiring assistance with transport should contact either June Campbell (710675) Margaret Maclean (563523) or the Church Office (562405).

A REMINDER

To assist with the smooth running of the church office this is a gentle reminder that it would be helpful if members of the congregation could phone or visit the office after 10.00am in the morning. This allows the office administration to be organized with fewer interruptions. The office will be still be open from 9.00am and calls answered to allow for bookings or urgent pastoral matters.

Rev. Dugald

RECYCLE

Kilmore and Oban is an Eco Congregation and members are encouraged to recycle waste material to maintain our obligations in this respect. Recycling facilities are available at all supermarkets and items like foil, used postage stamps and batteries can be left at collection points in the Church Centre.

There can be few amongst us who will not be aware that there is an election for the Scottish Parliament to be held on Thursday 5th May. The current edition of Life and Work examines, along with a number of prominent members of the church, some of the topics that they consider important. While priorities inevitably vary from person to person all are agreed that it is important in a healthy society for electors to participate in the process, to inform themselves of the issues and to take the trouble to vote.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Sunday 1st May

9.15	CE	Holy Communion
10.00	CE	Morning Worship
11.30	GR	Family Worship
18.00	K	Kilmore Evening Worship

Sunday 8th May *(Remember Lord's Larder)*

10.00	CE	Morning Worship
11.40	GR	Family Worship

Sunday 15th May

10.00	CE	Morning Worship
11.30	GR	Family Worship

Sunday 22nd May

10.00	CE	Morning Worship
11.30	GR	Family Worship
15.00	GR	Gaelic Service

Sunday 29th May

10.00	CE	Morning Worship
11.15	CC	Family Faithshare
11.30	GR	Family Worship

* **NB 1st Sunday in June is Communion Sunday**

KEY: CC—Church Centre, Glencruitten Road.
K—Kilmore Kirk. CE—Corran Esplanade Church.
GR—Glencruitten Road. Church. EG—Eadar Glinn

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Marriages ... *Commitments in Love*

Moira MacInnes to Alan MacPhee at Corran Esplanade Church on 2nd April 2011 by Rev. Catherine Knott.

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

Patrick McKeown of Villa Road, Oban

Special Celebrations!

We are delighted to record and give Kilmore and Oban Congratulations to: Margaret and Willie Melville of Glenmore Road who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on March 18th.

EDITORIAL: Ken MacColl

Our next edition for June 2011 will be available on Sunday 29th May 2011.

Material and photographs should be at the Church Office or sent direct to the editor at

kenmaccoll@btinternet.com

by Monday 23rd May 2011.

Contributions are welcomed!

GOD KNOWS BEST

I asked for health that I might do great things;
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for strength that I might achieve;
I was made weak that I might obey.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power and the praise of men;
I was given weakness that I might sense my need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing I asked for but everything I hoped for.
In spite of myself my prayers were answered.
I am among all men richly blessed.

Author unknown

While helping out with Meals on Wheels one of our members used to occasionally take her 4 year old daughter with her to help deliver the lunches.

The little one was unfailingly fascinated by the various appliances of old age, particularly sticks, walking frames and wheelchairs.

One day she was found staring at a set of false teeth immersed in a glass of water. As mother braced herself for the anticipated barrage of questions her daughter turned, wide-eyed and whispered confidentially,

"Mum, the tooth fairy is never going to believe this!"

THE BURNING BUSH

The book of Exodus tells us that when Moses was in exile in the desert in Sinai for almost forty years he worked as a shepherd and it was then as he tended his flock that he encountered the Lord in the form of a bush that was on fire but was not burned up. The Spirit of the Lord spoke to Moses from the bush and told him that he had been chosen to lead his people out of Egypt. Moses made every excuse that he could think of to avoid this task but was encouraged and persuaded to fulfil this destiny with the gift of exceptional powers that would convince the Israelites to follow him and he was given the assistance of his brother Aaron who had a way with words to help him as his spokesman. When Moses said that the Israelites would want to know God's name he was told "I AM WHO I AM has sent me" JAWEH and that became JEHOVAH was the name of the Lord. And so began the journey to the Promised Land.

The Burning Bush is the symbol of the Church of Scotland and a symbolic form appears on the mast head of the magazine. The motto *Nec Tamen Consumebatur* translates as "And yet it was not consumed"

The site of the Burning Bush is deep in the Sinai desert where St Catherine's monastery has been established and continually occupied for more than 1600 years.