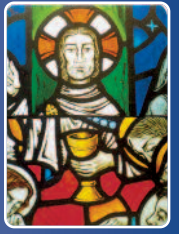




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KILMORE & OBAN
Belonging, Believing, Blessing



WHAT'S ON

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



It has been argued that an unexpected consequence of globalisation, with its smoothing out of cultural variety across different parts of the world, is a rise in identity politics. As people in every corner of the world have access to mobile phones and digital technology, with English as a dominant language and pop culture being ubiquitous there is a backlash which asserts the value of the local or national.

This reaction can be positive if it maintains a creative alternative narrative and a healthy diversity in politics and culture. However, it may be negative if other people are alienated and scapegoated, barriers put up and erroneous national myths promoted.

The question of identity - who am I? - is a profound one; particularly so, when identity becomes fluid. People have defined themselves according to clan, class, job, race, religion, gender, nation depending upon when and where they lived. If in the past

your identity was fixed, then today we have choices. Are you Scottish, British, neither or both, European - in or out? Even gender is not now finally decided by your sex at birth.

Living at the end of the fourth century AD St Augustine wrestled with identity. In his Confessions he wrote this famous prayer. You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you. Human identity here is linked with our intentional origination in God, and our subsequent relationship with God, and culminating in 'finding rest' in God.

Christians find that we only achieve our true identity and fulfilment in relating to God. And that vision of human identity has every right to be heard, represented and enacted in the public sphere.

So when questions of identity arise in these islands in this fraught political situation we hold them up to the Gospel. For we are Christians, and before everything else, above all, we find our identity in being claimed in love by Christ Jesus. Then we live this faith in the here and now, where we are, for the good of all - in communion.

Rev Dugald Cameron

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

***"To you from falling hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high.
If you break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep
though poppies grow."***

*John McRae
1872 - 1918*

Following Morning Worship on
Sunday 10th November
there will be a retiring collection
for the Earl Haig Fund.



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QU?Z NIGHT

TEAR FUND BIG QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 16 November 2019,
7.00pm**

Last year some of the local churches and members of the community joined with us at the Corran Halls, to be part of this multi-venue, nationwide event; we raised £1,500 for Tear Fund. We trust we can do the same this year, or even better! For further information: Mary Black, Tear Fund Representative, Oban Baptist Church



HAND BELL CONCERT

Hand Bells and Christmas Carols: **Monday 25th November 2.00pm** in Oban Parish Church – with Muckairn Hand Bell Ringers

Singers Fumiko Miller and Mairi Harrower.

Entry by donation – in aid of Carr Gorm and Muckairn Ringers

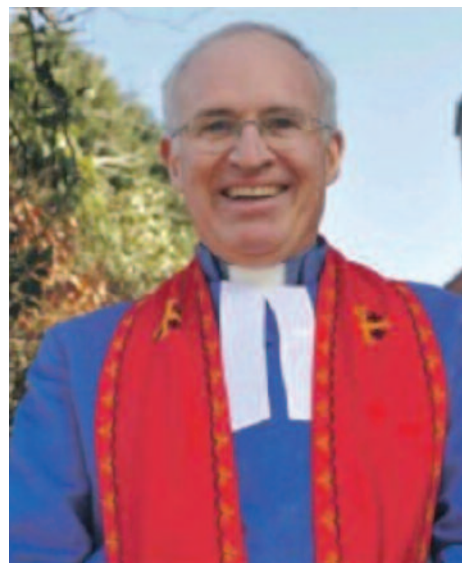


Our congregation has been given a number of crochet poppies by a dear friend of Glen and Lorraine Low – Mrs Betty Miller of Ballieston, Glasgow. These beautiful poppies, along with a poem, will be available for a donation which will go to the national appeal of Poppy Scotland. These poppies will be at the rear of the Parish Church sanctuary, and during the week in the Church Centre office.

REV DR KENNETH ROSS MISSION PARTNER

For the first time in a number of years Kilmore and Oban has a Mission Partner. Rev Ken Ross has taken up an appointment with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) within Blantyre Synod, Malawi, based at Zomba Theological College.

From David Livingstone (a Gaelic speaker with Morven and Lismore family) onwards Scotland has had a link to Malawi more than any other African nation. From Ken we will hear of how this is working out in the 21st century. Our prayers will be with him and Hester as they embark upon a new chapter of their lives back in their beloved Africa.



KIRK SESSION CONFERENCE

The recent Kirk Session Conference backed two interlinked strands of activity to mark 2021 200 years of worship on the site of current parish church. The first strand will focus on upgrading the church sanctuary through creating a worship/coffee space underneath the balcony. Further, the windows will be renewed to bring more

light into our church, as well as enhancing the visual aspect of our church. The second strand of activity will be to reach out to the wider community of Oban, past members, related groups etc. to bring them into the worshipping life of the church, particularly in 2021 and, we pray, beyond.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

A big thank you to Ann Robertson for her annual gift for the day of the grounds at Ardoran Marina, Lerags, and to Alastair

Jackson for the tasty burgers. And to our cooks and provision providers. Most importantly, the children loved the day.



FAMILY FAITHSHARE

This session we are exploring the God of creation by going each month on a journey. In September we went to the moon, in October the sun, and in November we will be on planet earth!



A JOB WELL DONE

A huge thank you goes out to the amazing volunteers who gave of their time, talent and energy to sand and polish the Church Centre main hall floor, and steam clean the hall chairs. The teams were:

Hall: Ronnie MacKillop, Kenneth Munro, Ellis Carmichael, Ian Gray, Bill Gray

Chairs: Babs Macintyre, Anne Gray, Sandra Marr, Lilian Carmichael.

ARDCHATTAN LW COLL LW CONNEL

It is great news to hear that the above linked charge will soon have a new minister, the Rev William Bezuidenhout. His Induction will take place in St. Oran's, Connel, on Thursday 28th November at 7.00pm. There will also be a Service of Introduction on Coll to follow – and this will our own minister's last responsibility as Interim Moderator.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Sunday, 3rd November

10.30	PC	Morning Worship – Guild Dedication
12.00	K	Morning Worship

Sunday, 10th November (*Hope Kitchen today*)

10.30	PC	Morning Worship – Remembrance
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Sunday, 17th November

10.30	PC	Morning Worship
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Sunday 24th November

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

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

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

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

Ann Stewart of Nant Drive, Oban
Peter Cleave of North Connel
Craig Munro of Corran Brae, Dunollie, Oban
Gerald Flannigan of Glencruitten Rise, Oban
Marion MacCuish of Dalintart Drive, Oban
Elizabeth MacEwan of Lynn Court, Oban
Margaret Currie of Nairn
Frances Reid of Corran Brae, Dunollie, Oban
Kathleen Betz of Germany
Helen Turner of Shuna Terrace, Oban
Gilbert Muir of North Argyll House Oban

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

Jace Thomas Gillies son of Robert and Adele.

EDITORIAL: Ken MacColl

*Our next edition will be available
on Sunday 24th November 2019.*

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at kenmaccoll@btinternet.com
by Monday 18th November 2019.

*Photographs and short news items
are always welcome.*

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HARVEST

These beautiful displays in Oban and Kilmore were donated to Hope Kitchen for the benefit of those who should share in the bounty of this world.



SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

