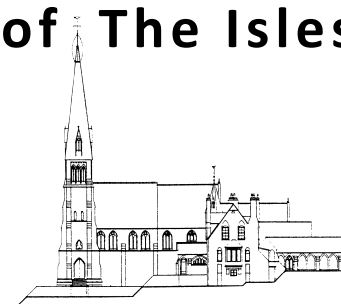


Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles

Patron: The Bishop of Argyll and The Isles

Newsletter - September 2011



From the Chair

Welcome to the autumn newsletter. You will see from the reports of the Lay Chaplain and Warden that things are going well at the Cathedral and that there is a lot happening.

This newsletter contains the statutory notice of the AGM of the Friends of the Cathedral of The Isles .

The AGM will take place on Saturday 29th October 2011 at 10 a.m in the library at the College as part of the Friends weekend

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2010 are included along with the Agenda for the meeting

Minutes of the 16th AGM of The Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles

Held on Saturday 30th October 2010

Present: B Ashworth, M Baxter, J Blakeney, A Clarke, J and G Cochrane, J Corcoran, A Cowan, I and R Duncan, A Elliott, Revd G Fyfe, J Gamble, M Irvine, N Jackson, M Jeffery, Rt Revd I Jones, C McDavid, E McHardy, M MacGlashan (in the Chair), J and C Martin, M O'Mahoney, AE McClahan, A and S Morton, M Murphy, A Murray revd Canon K Pagan, Revd J Pow, A and K Rafferty, Revd B Scott, V Sinclair Scott, D Todd.

Apologies: A and D Boyd, M Cherry, A Chisholm, J Cohen, F Corcoran, J Cunliffe, S Davidson, E Duncan, P Elliott, J and G FitzGibbon, M and W Gill, S Goldie, M Jones, J Lamb, M-C Lawson, C Nardini, P Rice, P and E Robertson, J and M Rogan.

Welcome: Maureen MacGlashan welcomed old and new Friends and the meeting opened with a

prayer and introduction (Canon Pagan)

Minutes: the minutes of the fifteenth AGM were accepted unanimously as a true record.
Proposer: E McHardy, Seconder: J Corcoran

Matters Arising: there were no matters arising.

Chair And Secretary's Report: Maureen MacGlashan (reporting also on behalf of the Lay Chaplain who was preparing for Choral Evensong later that day) reported that on the whole it had been a good year for Cumbrae. A bishop had been elected (the Very Revd. Kevin Pearson, Dean of the Diocese of Edinburgh) by the College of Bishops at an Episcopal Synod held in the Cathedral of The Isles on 6 October. It was hoped that the installation of the new Bishop in the Cathedral of the Isles would take place on the eve of Holy Week. He had already accepted the invitation to become Patron of the Friends and would hopefully attend the 2011 Friends weekend.

There had been a key change at the College, with the departure of the Revd. David James in March. David Todd had taken his place as Warden, bringing a wide range of relevant skills to the task. It was great to have someone of his calibre and energy on the ground, taking things (including the spending of Friends' money) forward. We are all grateful to David James for what he had done during his short time at the College, not least in working throughout the winter with Patrick Boyle to bring the Cathedral grounds into something like their original shape.

As far as spending the Friends' money was concerned, at last the log-jam, caused by the uncertainties about the future, had been broken. Carpet was now down not only in the Cathedral but in the Refectory and the Warden's flat and repairs were in hand in common room and library. Audio-

visual equipment was up and running, and proving its worth. Someone had been identified to repair the Butterfield chairs at a cost of £100 per chair. As agreed at the 2008 AGM, it was hoped that the cost of repairing the 22 or so chairs in question could be met on an 'adopt-a-chair' basis. Some 12 chairs had already been accounted for on this basis.

Progress had been made on the idea of handrails at the chancel steps and on the path to the Lady Chapel, the position being that we now had architectural drawings, prepared by Jocelyn Cunliffe (Gray Marshall) in the light of what it was likely Historic Scotland would require, together with two sets of costings both coming with a figure of approximately £5000 for the two rails. She hoped that the Friends would agree to contribute to this cost, a further contribution possibly coming from the Congregation. MM emphasised that these were very provisional figures which could well be significantly revised in the light of Historic Scotland's reaction to the plans. The responsibility for taking the work forward lay with Island Retreats to whom she would be reporting after the St Andrew's Vestry meeting on 7 November.

Spurred to action by the prospect of several visits to the Cathedral by the Hebridean Princess scheduled for 2011, an A4 guide to the Cathedral had been prepared, in flyer and large print versions, and had proved a great success. A fuller version on the Musical Instruments model, with photographs and using material from the Butterfield weekend, was next on the agenda.

There had also, thanks to Elizabeth McHardy, been excellent progress on the vestments front. (See report below)

There had been two notable breaks this year led by Friends — 'Art for Beginners' (Anthea Clarke) and 'Sermons in Stone' (Jocelyn Cunliffe)

The 'Cathedral' shop, run by the congregation, had also been a great success, both in terms of fund-raising and as a meeting place for both local residents and people staying/visiting Cathedral and College.

There had been 6 Committee meetings during the year and 3 Newsletters. The Newsletters were now made available via the Website rather

than as email attachments. The problem was that the Website, though highly attractive, was proving expensive to maintain. The Webmaster appreciated that this was likely to be a problem and was willing to hand over the management to someone with appropriate Dreamweaver/HTML skills. [Sandy Morton volunteered to take over the site, but on a simplified basis, an offer noted by the meeting with appreciation.]

Membership Secretary's Report: Anne Morton reported the death during the year of Effie Kerr and Pamela Cumming (Millport) and Ann Tarn (County Durham). Membership at the end of the 2009 financial year (after the removal of the names of 17 people who had not paid their subscription for more than 2 years) stood at 221. Several new applications during October, including a particularly generous life membership following the Butterfield Weekend, had brought the overall number up to 227. It would be ideal to have everyone signed up to standing orders but even that was unreliable since, for reasons we are unable to establish, even valid standing orders did not always seem to work their way through the banks' system.

Treasurer's Report: the Treasurer reported that there had been an increase in income in 2009-10 of £455. Application had been made for Gift Aid tax recovery of £483.

Problems with selling the DeMarco prints continued — suggestions would be welcome.

Disbursements during 2009-10 were:-

RSCM	£86
Carpet (refectory)	£538
Audiovisual equipment	£823
Vestments (as per final invoice)	£2513.83
Organ improvements	£500
Website	£431.82
Friends Leaflet	£70
Handrails	£587.50
(Architect's drawings donated)	

The 'rolling deposit' with IRL as a refundable booking deposit for the next Friends weekend remained in place (a position confirmed later in the meeting for 2010-11)

It was agreed that the maintenance of the website was proving too costly and that the Committee should consider ways of reducing the cost. Sandy Morton's offer to take over responsibility on a voluntary basis was noted with appreciation.

AM said that we continued to attract a steady number of Life Members. Their subscriptions were held in a separate contingency fund with only a proportion being drawn down each year. She recommended that, to avoid an inappropriate build-up of reserve funds, the figure should be set for 2010-2011 at £2000, more than enough to meet any unexpected liability. This recommendation was approved.

The Treasure's Report was approved, nem con, on a proposal by Rae Duncan, seconded by Elizabeth McHardy.

College Report: The Warden reported on developments during his first nine months in post. He had focused in the first instance on general housekeeping, aiming to make the College more efficient and welcoming. He expressed gratitude for a number of items acquired courtesy of the Friends. Things such as the audiovisual equipment were fully proving their worth.

A key priority for him was spreading the word, getting the College and what it offered better known. He was now responsible for keeping the Island Retreats Website up to date, and expressed concern that the Friends Website—although intended to serve a different purpose—was an expensive duplication.

In terms of plans for the College programme, he was hoping to establish a pattern of retreats to which individuals could sign up. He was also hoping that it would be possible to become less dependent on B & B. On closure plans, he said that the College would be closed from mid November until the spring. He would be based during this time at his home in Edinburgh, which would give him better opportunities for that all important promotion work.

Vestments: Elizabeth McHardy reported that, following discussion at the 2009 AGM, she had taken those vestments which might need professional attention to the Royal School of Needlework at Hampton Court for assessment and estimates of cost of restoration. It became clear that some of the necessary work she would be able to undertake herself—this was in process.

Of the other items two were deemed to be of priority importance:-

Butterfield Funeral Pall
Remove lining and secure loose fringe, clean and spot clean stains. Attach support patches where there is moth damage. Replace missing fringe and stitch on new lining. **Cost inc VAT £1445.25**

Green Brocade Burse and Dalmatic
Dismantle burse, support and surface couch worn areas, encase in conservation net to prevent further damage and remake with new buttonhole bars. **Cost inc VAT £1192.63**

This work had now been completed. The remaining work in order of priority with ex-VAT estimates is as follows:

Yellow Cope	£992
Green Dalmatic	£875
Matching Burse	£1015
Blue Dalmatic	£1252.50
Blue Burse	£980
Blue Stole	£980

Distribution of funds

The following package was approved unanimously on a proposal by Elizabeth McHardy, seconded by J Corcoran.

Bursary fund	£00 (no disbursements in 09-10)
RSCM subscription	£86
Carpeting	£238 (authorised 2009)
Web development	£250
Friends Leaflet	£40
Cathedral Guide (leaflet)	£150
(contingency)	
Cathedral Guide (glossy booklet)	£500
Garden furniture	£1000
Brass Handrail (Friends Cont)*	£1500
External Handrail* (as contribution to costs of both handrails)	
Butterfield Chairs restoration	£1000 (for recovery by individual contribution)
Vestments	£2000

*Both these items need Historic Scotland approval.

Election of Committee chaired by Canon Pagan)

In accordance with the Constitution Maureen

MacGlashan, having served three years retired as Chair. Elizabeth McHardy (proposer, Anthea Clarke, seconder, Alison Cowan) was elected unanimously in her stead.

Marion Gill and Nan Jackson also retired from the Committee. Maureen MacGlashan (proposer, Christine Martin, seconder, Sandy Morton), Sandy Morton (proposer Arthur Rafferty, seconder, Alastair Chisholm) and the Revd. Canon Joyce Pow (proposer, Alastair Chisholm, seconder, Christine McDavid) were elected as new members.

The Committee accordingly now comprises:

Chair	Elizabeth McHardy
Secretary	Jill Corcoran
Treasure/Membership Secretary	Anne Morton
Ordinary Members	Anthea Clarke, Rae Duncan, Maureen MacGlashan, Andrea MacLachlan, Sandy Morton, Joyce Pow.

External Examiner: Arthur Rafferty agreed to act as external examiner for the coming year.

AOCB: None

Date of next meeting: 29 October 2011 at 10 a.m. in the College Library as part of a Friends Weekend

18th Annual General Meeting

10.00 Saturday, 29 October 2011 in the College Library.

Agenda

1. Welcome and opening prayer
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 17th AGM
4. Matters arising
5. Secretary's Report

6. Reports of Cathedral and College
7. Membership Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
8. Allocation of Funds
9. Election of Committee
10. Appointment of External Examiner
11. AOCB
12. Date of next meeting

Friends Weekend Programme

Friday 28 October

18.00 Welcome drink

18.30 Dinner

20.00 Photographs of Cumbrae—Ian Duncan

Saturday 29 October

9.00 Breakfast

10.00 AGM

12.30 Lunch

14.30 Russian Orthodox Sites—Canon Pagan

18.00 Pre dinner drinks

18.30 Dinner

20.00 Concert—Alastair Chisholm

Display of Vestments throughout the day in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 30 October

9.00 Breakfast

11.00 Eucharist

THE FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE ISLES
FRIENDS' WEEKEND - LUNCH ON SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

A light lunch will be served on Saturday 29 October at a cost of £7 (payable on the day). If you are not staying in The College for the weekend and would like to have lunch on Saturday please telephone the Warden on 01475 530353, email cathedral_cumbrae@btconnect.com or return the attached slip to reserve a place. (A few rooms are still available @ £110 per person for two days full board. Please telephone or email as above as soon as possible to book.)

NAME

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Please reserve place(s) for the Friends' Lunch on Saturday 29 October @ £7 each

Please return to:

The Warden

The College of The Holy Spirit

College Street

Millport

Isle of Cumbrae KA28 0HE

Lay Chaplain's Report

Report of the Lay Chaplain to the Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles and The College of The Holy Spirit.

Throughout the last two months the life of the Cathedral has continued in its habitual way – daily prayer, Sunday Eucharists, Sunday afternoon concerts and daily visitors. The Cathedral has been especially busy at the concerts and with visitors from far and near. Audience numbers were greatest at Angela Brownridge's solo recital commemorating the Liszt bicentenary and at the two piano concert in late August. The concert this Sunday 18 September by the young tenor Stephen Phillips will mark the renaming of the Royal Scottish Conservatoire.

The installation of the handrail outside the Lady Chapel and the power washing of the slabs has greatly improved access via that door and we all look forward to the completion of the railings at the steps between the nave and the choir.

Continued thanks are due to our visiting clergy for all they do for the Cathedral and its congregation and especially to David Todd for his help in so many ways.

16 September 2011

Warden's Report

Report to the Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles and The College of The Holy Spirit by the Warden of The College of The Holy Spirit

Since the Friends' Committee last met the College has been very busy. The Music Retreat at the end of July was a great success and culminated with a concert in the Cathedral given by Richard Black and Alastair Chisholm which attracted a large audience. The concerts on Sunday afternoons have brought many people to the Cathedral and College which is very good for public relations.

At the end of August the Island hosted a Scooter Weekend and the College was full of Scooter owners plus the visiting preacher and another regular retreatant! The Scooter owners have booked to come back next year and have taken over the whole College! We had another Art Course in September – this time a “private” course but using the peace, tranquillity and beauty of the Cathedral and Col-

lege as their focus. There is still room on the Coping with Stress retreat starting 26 September.

The College is now booked every weekend until the Friends' Weekend at the end of October but there are still spaces midweek. The College will be taking bookings up to and including Christmas when there will be a small house party in residence. Any Friends who are looking for a civilised Christmas with a few like-minded individuals would be most welcome to come and stay.

The Scottish Storytelling Festival has an island theme this year and the College is hosting an event as part of this on Thursday 27 October. The event will be a celebration of island culture from the Mediterranean to the Cumbraes, with stories, songs and some sundrenched images from Aphrodite's island. Saints, heroes, goddesses and rogues rub shoulders in an informal evening hosted by David Campbell with Cypriot guests Heleni Achilleos and Hambis Tsangaris.

During the Music Retreat Richard Black asked Alastair Chisholm about a broken corbal under the oriel window in the Warden's drawing room. Alastair immediately told me and I summoned a stone mason. As we looked at it we could see the lower stone beginning to drop so a prop was very quickly put in place. The window was added in the 1930s and, according to the structural surveyor, was not fitted properly. The whole window now needs to be cantilevered from the inside to support it and the corbal will be stuck back on for cosmetic purposes.

We have two new benches on the cloister grass – one in memory of Anthea Clarke's late son Andrew and one in memory of Elizabeth McHardy's late husband Stuart. The garden furniture is very much appreciated by guests when the sun is out.

When the College invested in a computerised reservation system over a year ago the facility for internet booking was purchased. A year on we have finally gone live and people can now check availability and book online from our website, from www.millport.org and from the Visit Scotland website. We have had our first booking already. It is hoped that this will attract a new market. Friends and others who come regularly are encouraged to continue to book in the old way so that we keep in contact.

Ailsa Tomany has very kindly donated notelets with a photograph of the Cathedral to the College and they are for sale in the cloisters. The College has inherited some office equipment from Janice Lamb including a computer and printer which are now in the Library. This will allow guests who wish to check their emails or print off a document to do so without going up to the office.

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Cathedral Gala Day

The Cathedral held a Gala Day on Saturday 30 July. The weather was glorious and the publicity worked and hundreds of people came to visit the Cathedral and College. Teas were served in the Cloisters by College staff but practically everyone took their tea and cream scone outside. On the lawn in the quadrangle (or what would be a quadrangle if there were four sides to the cloisters) there were gazebos with Tombola, Raffle and Guess the weight of the Cake. There was also a Friends' stall selling Cathedral souvenirs. The gazebos were great protection from the sun although had been erected as protection from the rain.

The shop moved much of its contents outside and sold a great deal. Next to the Bric a Brac was a plant stall. Over on the bowling green there was stuff for kids and in the Cathedral there were tours, a glass display, some organ music and a display of vestments. The tours extended into the College and in particular people were fascinated by the bedroom window above the altar. The congregation of St Andrew were helped by many friends - friends from the island and Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles. In total more than £1,300 was raised for Cathedral funds. The congregation is most grateful to all who supported this event.

Photographs from



Gala Day

Gala



Day Helpers

Gala day Kid's Stuff

Vestment Report

There is now only one set of vestments which requires work by the RSN and I hope that the AGM will vote funding for this on a yearly basis for the next 3 years.

There is also still a little work which needs to be done on one or two other items as well as the Lady Altar frontal. I hope to have all this completed during the course of the next year. Thereafter all that will be required is regular checks of the condition of the vestments and any small repairs that may be necessary to keep them in reasonable repair.

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER AFTERNOON 2011

Cathedral of The Isles, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae

Sunday 2 October at 3pm

Andrew Johnston, piano

A programme planned to complement the Sonata in B minor by Franz Liszt. This great Romantic work has the capacity to thrill and astonish.

Sunday 9 October at 3pm

Henry Lebedinsky, organ

A recital by a distinguished American organist who will present an imaginative programme of music including masterpieces by JS Bach.

Retiring collections in aid of the Cathedral Musical Resources Fund

Mrs Janice Lamb

It is with deep regret that I announce the recent death of Janice. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Alastair's obituary says it all. E. McH.

Mrs Janice Lamb, who passed away recently in Millport, had lived on Cumbrae for about ten years. Born in North London, she attended university in Hull and graduated in music there. She spent her married life in Hull before moving, alone, to Cumbrae about the year 2000. During her time on the island she devoted her energies almost totally to the furtherance of the music and the worship of the Cathedral. Behind the scenes she was involved with every aspect of the Cathedral's life. A fine musician, she sang in the Cathedral choir and, using here computer skills, also organised the Organ Appeal Fund. As a devout member of the congregation, she served on the Vestry, often led prayers and occasionally preached. Shy by nature and ill at ease in company, she was little known to the wider community. She was very much an individual with distinct enthusiasms and interests. In this respect her means of transport – a fine, very upright electric bicycle (which she named “Ermintrude”) – was the feature of her life which most impinged on islanders. To everyone she was “the electric bike lady”. But she was so much more – a quiet kindly neighbour, a

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ISLAND BREAKS

**The College of The Holy Spirit
The Cathedral of The Isles
Millport
Isle of Cumbrae KA28 0HE**



The beauty and tranquillity of the island and Cathedral grounds gives guests the opportunity to relax throughout the day and offers an added dimension to your retreat or holiday experience. Three star accommodation is provided in the College adjacent to the Cathedral. The College is set in 8 acres of woodland close to the sea. A historic building with modern facilities, the College has 16 bedrooms (some with en-suite), can sleep up to 30 and boasts good home-cooking.

PROGRAMME 2011 from October

October/November/December	Group Bookings and Individual Stays All weekends in October are booked but there are still weekends in November and December available and midweek slots for group bookings or individual stays.
October Friday 28 to Sunday 30 From £110 Full Board for 2 days*	Friends' Weekend Join the Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles and The College of The Holy Spirit for their Annual General Meeting and a weekend of activities. To join the Friends contact Anne Morton 01475 530478 or email anne@millport.net . Accommodation still available.
October/November Monday 31 October to Thursday 3 November From £165 Full Board for 3 days*	Argyll and The Isles Diocesan Retreat: COMPASSION, COMPANIONSHIP, COMMUNION. Attitudes to food, fasting and feasting examined through scripture, literature, film and silence guided by Anne Tomlinson, Ministry Development Officer, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. All welcome. Information Sheet and Booking Form available.
November Sunday 27 at 3pm	Advent Sunday The Cathedral Choir leads a Sung Eucharist in the morning followed by an Advent Carol Service at 3pm.
December Friday 23 to Wednesday 28 From £275 Full Board for 5 days*	Christmas at the Cathedral The Warden is hosting a house party for Christmas in the College this year. Book now to avoid disappointment. Watch for further details.
December Wednesday 28 at 3pm	Christmas Carol Service The Cathedral Choir sings Christmas Carols at 3pm.

*Ensuite supplement and discount for sharing room

Download Information Sheet and Booking Forms on www.island-retreats.org or contact The Warden email cathedral_cumbrae@btconnect.com or telephone 01475 530353

GROUP BOOKINGS

The College also welcomes bookings for group retreats. The College is offering a rate of £55 per person per day for Full Board for groups of 10 or more this season. Download Booking Pack on www.island-retreats.com or contact the Warden as above.

INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS

The College also provides Bed & Breakfast accommodation from £35 per person per day when possible and is also available for private bookings. Contact the Warden as above.

Information correct as at 16 September 2011

Postcards

There are now some lovely photographs of the Cathedral, 25p each.
Available at the Cathedral or from the Warden.

*Music at the Cathedral
1851—2010*

Available at the Cathedral (£2.50) or by post (£3.00)
Cheques to the Music Resources Fund
c/o the Cathedral

Newsletters by e-mail

Unless you request otherwise, newsletters are now sent by e-mail to those Friends who have the facility.

This cuts down the cost and administration.

Please make sure the Membership Secretary has your current address and correct email

membership@cumbraecathedralfriends.com

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