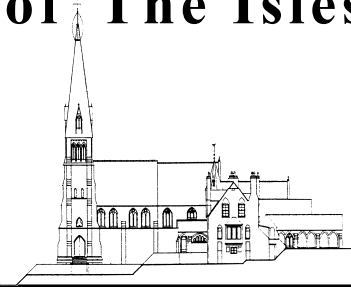


Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles

Patron: The Bishop of Argyll and The Isles

Newsletter - May 2011



From the Chair

Welcome to the spring 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.

Lay Chaplain's Report

February and March were dominated by the arrival of our new Bishop, his consecration and his first Diocesan Synod in Oban. After David Todd returned from his pilgrimage to the Holy Land we began the detailed plans for the Enthronement at Cumbrae and this coincided with the movement of various artefacts in the Cathedral and Lady Chapel. The Holy Spirit banner was moved to the Cathedral and altered so that it could once more be used processionally. In its place the statue of Our Lady was returned to its place at the back of the Lady Chapel and the Victorian fleur-de-lys curtain suspended behind it. Coincidentally the shelving for service books was altered by George Allison and the reproduction of the picture of the Visitation was hung on the north wall. Thanks to Elizabeth McHardy for her assistance with the curtain and the banner. The Friends were asked to pay for the supports for the banner and I think that everyone has been pleased by the result. All the Butterfield chairs which were repaired over the winter were back in the Cathedral in time for Enthronement thanks to the generosity of many Friends.

Janice Lamb prepared the typing for the Enthronement service and the booklets were produced by Largs Printing Company. The day of the Service was a fine one and all the arrangements worked well. The Cathedral was filled with invited guests. A choir of ten led the music with Jonathan Cohen at the organ. Canon Hugh Lee the Synod Clerk spoke at the beginning and welcomed Bishop Kevin on behalf of the Chapter. Bishop Idris Jones preached and Bishop Bob Gillies of Aberdeen and Orkney also attended. Canon Pagan and Canon Pow read lessons and members of the congregations at Rothesay and

Whiting Bay took part in the offertory procession. Members of St Andrew's Congregation had cleaned the building and polished the brasses till they shone. They also gave a welcome to visitors from far and near. The hospitality of the College before and after the Service was outstanding. It was a happy day with our guests seeing the Cathedral and the College at their best. Thanks to all involved for skill and work given. The co-operation of all was much appreciated.

Holy Week began the next day, Palm Sunday, and Bishop Kevin led the services till Tuesday evening. The Bishop preached at a United Service in Cumbrae Parish Church on the Tuesday and Mrs Nicky Smith, reader at the Parish Church, preached at our Maundy Thursday evening service. Canon Pagan took all our other services up to and including Easter Day. We had Choral Services daily though attendances were low. On the afternoon of Easter Day Jonathan Cohen and I gave a recital of piano duet music before leaving the island for a cruise on Waverley.

One person missing from all these events was Janice Lamb. Since before the Enthronement she has been ill and in hospital and has been very much missed. Her contribution to the running of the Cathedral services and concerts has been immense and I am sure that the Committee would join with me in sending Janice our best wishes.

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Warden's Report

At the AGM in October the Friends' very kindly gave the College funds to purchase teak garden furniture. The College has purchased two armchairs and a table and two further benches have been gifted by Friends and members of St Andrew's Congregation. We now sport a very fine set of table and chairs and these have been greatly enjoyed by guests in the recent fine weather. They are on the grass in the cloister area and the only person who is unhappy is Patrick who has to lift them off the grass in order to cut it! They are hand-made by

a firm in Hartlepool and are built to last and do not require any maintenance.

Business at the College is improving and we have many more groups booked this year than last. There are many repeat bookings and many bookings for new groups from individuals who have stayed with other groups in the past. Word of mouth is the best form of marketing!

I remain committed to providing retreats for individuals to come and enjoy the peace of the College and Cathedral. However there was only a very small take-up for the Lent Retreat and Anthea Clarke's Art Course is also a select group. We have had a tiny response to the Poetry Retreat which I have now postponed but there has been more interest in the Music Retreat and the Open Retreat in July. We are starting to plan the Open Day on Saturday 30 July and more details will follow. It would be great to have support from the Friends' and to see many here on the day to encourage others.

We had a great crowd staying over Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter who all had a very happy time. The Enthronement of the new Bishop, Rt Rev'd Kevin Pearson was a great occasion for the College as well as for the Cathedral and Congregation. The College was delighted to be able to provide lunch for forty guests and, with help from members of the congregation, to put on a terrific spread after the service.

We have a new member of staff, Yasmin, who is very enthusiastic. She works with Aileen in the Refectory and in the Bedrooms and also helps Stewart in the Kitchen. Maureen is in the Laundry, Clare in the Office, Patrick in the grounds and Betty comes in from time to time to help out with welcoming guests and keeping an eye on housekeeping.

We have been very fortunate to find a volunteer to help try to tidy up the Library. Darlene Bird came to us through the Provincial Office and has already spent one weekend putting books into order. She plans to return in June. It is a mammoth task but will, I know, prove invaluable once complete. Some of you may have seen in the Press that I am planning to devote more time to the College. When I started one year ago I was not sure whether or not it would work and whether there would be a job for me this year but one year in I am convinced that it does work and will work even better. All we have to do is encourage people to come – once here we can guarantee them a peaceful and happy stay with good home-cooking and the beauty and peace of the Cathedral and grounds.

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You will see from the revised Retreats programme that there is to be a Gala Day at the Cathedral on 30th July.

There will be a special Friend's Lunch in the Refectory as well as various stalls and activities. **Please contact the College to book your place at lunch.**

Vestments progress report

The green dalmatic and matching burse are now back at the Cathedral and ready for use. I am working on the red dalmatic and the matching red stole has already been repaired.

The white altar frontal has still to be re-backed as does the Lady altar frontal although I am delaying the latter until I am sure that no more repair work to the gold thread embroidery is required.

In the light of what I have discovered about my capabilities I will be re-examining the blue dalmatic and stole in the hopes that I might be able to do some of the work on them myself. They are unfortunately in poorer condition than the red ones so I am not too hopeful!!

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER AFTERNOON 2011

ISLE OF CUMBRAE

Cathedral of The Isles

**A series of concerts on Sundays at 3pm
throughout the summer**

3 July David Hamilton, organ

A recital by one of Scotland's most accomplished organists including music by Bach, Reger, Vierne and Rory Boyle. The programme will include the first of three major works by Franz Liszt which will be presented in this season's concerts – the Prelude and Fugue on BACH.

10 July Ana Vidovic, guitar

Classical Guitar Retreat is delighted to welcome the Croatian Virtuoso Ana Vidovic to give her debut performance in Scotland. Ana is known the world over for her breath-taking performances and charming stage presence.

Tickets £12 available on www.cgretreat.com

17 July Marilyn de Blicck, mezzo-soprano and Kenneth Dunsmuir, piano

Join Marilyn and Kenneth as they set forth on a voyage with a song sequence celebrating the element of water.

24 July Calum Robertson, organ A recital by an exciting young organist who is Organ Scholar at Old St Paul's Church, Edinburgh. Calum's programme will include music by Mendelssohn, Henry Smart and James Mac-Millan.

31 July Angela Brownridge, piano

A highlight of the season – not to be missed. International pianist Angela Brownridge performs Book 2 (Italie) of Liszt's great early work *Années de Pèlerinage*.

7 August Katharine Laurie Jones, soprano and Alastair Chisholm, piano

One of Scotland's finest singers, specially noted for her interpretive skills, returns to perform songs by Peter Warlock and other English composers.

14 August Ian Watt, guitar

Music by Dowland, Sor, Albeniz, Britten and others performed by this fine young Scottish player.

21 August Telemann Ensemble

The annual delight of a concert of Baroque music given by this wonderful group of players from Glasgow.

28 August Jonathan Cohen and Alastair Chisholm, two pianos

A concert using the Lipp and Bösendorfer grand pianos including jazz influenced music by Gershwin, Grainger and Milhaud. The Cathedral's director of music is joined by the famous London musician Jonathan Cohen.

4 September Jane Guy, contralto and David Mackie, piano

A varied programme including work to mark the centenary of the death of W.S. Gilbert presented by this well-known pair of Scottish artists.

11 September Tom Hay, clarinet, Feargus Hetherington, viola, Sheila Hay, oboe, Hazel Leitch, piano, Alastair Chisholm, piano

A fascinating programme of chamber music by Max Bruch, Hans Gal, William Alwyn and Maxwell Geddes. An interesting variety of timbres, fine musicians and delightful music – mostly late Romantic.

18 September Stephen Phillips, tenor and Alastair Chisholm, piano

A song recital by a young tenor who is already an accomplished soloist including music by Purcell, Quilter and Gurney.

25 September Philip Norris, cello and Lynda Norris, piano

A duo recital by a distinguished husband and wife team who present a programme which demonstrates the wide range of expressive styles possible with cello and piano.

2 October 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.

9 October Henry Lebedinsky, organ

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

Fridays at 8pm

The concerts will end in time to catch the last ferry!

1 July Joao Lima Duque, piano with Theodor Iosifidis, piano

The opening concert of the season. Portuguese concert pianist Joao Lima Duque gives a splendid evening performance of Brahms' 2nd Piano Concerto in a special arrangement for two pianos. He plays alongside Theodor Iosifidis on the Cathedral's grand pianos. Unmissable!

29 July Richard Black and Alastair Chisholm, piano duet

The Cathedral's Director of Music is joined by the distinguished London pianist Richard Black in a concert of major works for piano duet.

Other Events

Classical Guitar Retreat Concerts

Thursday 7 July at 8pm

Allan Neave directs the **CGR Faculty Concert** which features a variety of **solo, duo, trio** and **quartet** performances in collaboration with the other course tutors Yvonne Zehner, Matthew McAllister, Peter Stewart and Allan Neave.

Tickets £8.00 available on www.cgretreat.com

Friday 8 July at 8pm

German guitarist **Yvonne Zehner** performs a recital of music for solo guitar entitled **Passacaglias** including repertoire by **Britten, Biber, Steinkogler** and **Chiereghin**. This will be a unique programme of music and an insight into music not often performed in Scotland let alone the Cathedral of The Isles.

Tickets £8.00 available on www.cgretreat.com

Saturday 9 July at 3pm

Celebrating their **Ten Year Anniversary** the **Agnew McAllister Duo** are one of the most sought after exponents of the **Flute & Guitar** genre in the world. Aisling & Matthew will perform a very special recital as part of the Classical Guitar Retreat.

Tickets £8.00 available on www.cgretreat.com

Sunday 10 July at 8pm

It's the turn of the **students** to take to the stage under the watchful gaze of **Peter Stewart**. Performances from the **CG Retreat Guitar Orchestra**, **budding soloists** and **newly formed ensembles** are all expected!

Free Admission (Donations to the Cathedral Musical Resources Fund welcome)

Carol Services

Sunday 27 November at 3pm

Advent Carol Service

Wednesday 28 December at 3pm

Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Cathedral and The Musical Resources Fund

The Cathedral of The Isles, Millport, is Britain's smallest Cathedral and dates from 1851. It was built on ground owned by the Boyle family, and its founder, George Frederick Boyle, later became the 6th Earl of Glasgow. It is one of a group of buildings comprising two residential buildings (colleges) and a collegiate church designed by the famous English architect William Butterfield. Planned as a theological college for the Scottish Episcopal Church, in its early days it was seen as a "new" Iona, and in 1876 it was consecrated Cathedral of The Isles.

From the beginning, music has played an important rôle in worship there, and the Cathedral has a warm, resonant acoustic. Following an extensive fund raising campaign, an 1867 tracker action organ, built for the opening of All Saints' Episcopal Church Edinburgh by Frederick Holt, was restored and installed into the Cathedral during 2004 by Wood of Huddersfield. Together with the restored Erard and Lipp pianos, the 1976 "Cumbrae" harpsichord, and the recently acquired Bösendorfer concert grand piano, this has transformed the Cathedral's music.

Present-day musical activities in the Cathedral receive no subsidies, and the Cathedral Musical Resources Fund has been established by the congregational Vestry to support the Cathedral's music. The Fund's main source of income is the retiring collection after each concert. Please give generously – the musical artists already have.

Millport, Isle of Cumbrae

...is easily reached from Largs. Take the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry from Largs Pier

to Cumbrae Slip, then board the connecting bus to Millport. For the Cathedral, ask to be set down at College Street.

How to find the Cathedral

Many visitors seem unaware of the existence of our little Cathedral because it is situated among trees behind the town. To make your way there, find College Street, which runs at right angles to the seashore, between the Newton Bar and the Garrison grounds. Follow College Street up the gentle hill, past George Street (Church of Our Lady), and a little further on, you will find the entrance to the Cathedral grounds through an elaborate gateway on your right. If you need to bring a vehicle close to the Cathedral, ask directions from one of the shopkeepers.

Retiring collections in aid of the Cathedral Musical Resources Fund

If you are a UK taxpayer, please use one of our Gift Aid envelopes available at each concert unless there is a fixed entry charge.

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 July

<p>July to September Sunday afternoons at 3pm</p>	<p>Music for a Summer Afternoon Every Sunday afternoon at 3pm throughout the months of July, August and September the Cathedral promotes a variety of concerts. See separate sheet for details</p>
<p>July Thursday 7 to Monday 11 From £495 Full Board for 4 Days Non-residential £345</p>	<p>Classical Guitar Retreat Residential participation fully booked, but to register an interest for non-residential participation or possible cancellations, email Matthew McAllister on info@cgregreat.com.</p>
<p>July Monday 18 to Friday 22 From £215 Full Board for 4 days*</p>	<p>Open Retreat Come as an individual, a couple or a small group and be part of a retreat led by the Warden. Adjust your pace of life to a few days of saying Daily Office, Midday Eucharist, a daily devotional address, lots of time for reflection and recreation and good home-cooking. Information Sheet and Booking Form available</p>
<p>July Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 From £180 Full Board for 3 days* Non-residential £35</p>	<p>Music Retreat – Piano Partnership Richard Black and Alastair Chisholm lead an exploration of the repertoire for piano duet and two pianos, ranging from Mozart to Rachmaninoff, culminating in a public performance on Friday evening. Information Sheet and Booking Form available</p>
<p>July Saturday 30 – 2pm-5pm Friends' Lunch at 12,30pm - £7.50</p>	<p>Cathedral Open Day The Cathedral is holding a Gala Day on Saturday 30 July from 2pm to 5pm. The College is organising a special Friends' Lunch in the Refectory from 12.30pm price £7.50. Please email or telephone the College to reserve a place – 01475 530353 or cathedral_cumbrae@btconnect.com. There will be a Raffle and a Tombola, Baking, Bric a Brac and other stalls. Donations for the Raffle and Tombola can be brought to the Cathedral in advance of the day and baking on the day. There will be tours of the Cathedral and College, a display of the Cathedral's vestments and music in the Cathedral and outside.</p>
<p>September Friday 23 to Sunday 25 From £70 per person Bed and Breakfast for 2 nights</p>	<p>September Weekend Come to Cumbrae for the annual weekend of festivities and fireworks that celebrates the end of the summer season in Millport. The College offers Bed and Breakfast for a two night minimum stay. To book accommodation contact the College on 01475 530353 or email cathedral_cumbrae@btconnect.com.</p>

*Ensuite supplement and discount for sharing room

<p>September Monday 26 to Thursday 29</p> <p>From £180 Full Board for 3 days* Non-residential £35</p>	<p>Coping with Stress “We talk about stress quite openly now but what is ‘stress’? How does it affects us physically, mentally, emotionally and socially? Join us for this course and learn to understand stress: what are the causes and what techniques we can learn to help us cope with it” Anthea Clarke leads. <u>Information sheet and Booking Form available</u></p>
<p>October Friday 28 to Sunday 30</p> <p>From £110 for Full Board for 2 days*</p>	<p>Friends’ Weekend Join the Friends of The Cathedral of The Isles and College of The Holy spirit for their Annual General Meeting and a weekend of activities. To Join the Friends contact Anne Morton on 01475 530478 or email ann@millport.net. Watch for further details</p>
<p>November Sunday 27 at 3pm</p>	<p>Advent Sunday The Cathedral Choir leads a Sung Eucharist in the morning followed by an Advent Carol Service at 3pm. Watch for further details</p>
<p>December Friday 23 to Wednesday 28 From £275 Full Board for 5 days*</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>December Wednesday 28 at 3pm</p>	<p>Christmas Carol Service The Cathedral Choir sings Christmas Carols at 3pm. Watch for further details.</p>

**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 Park 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 23 May 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

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Please note that Jill comes to the end of her term as Secretary at the AGM in November and we will be looking for someone to take her place.

It would be helpful if a volunteer would come forward !!!