

October 2026

St Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church,
Milngavie, G62 6PJ

*Regular services
to which all are welcome*

10am Sundays Sung Eucharist

10am Thursdays Said Eucharist

On Tuesdays at 10am an inter-church prayer
group takes place in the Garden Room.

On Thursdays at 8.45am Morning Prayer
[SEC 2024] is said in the Church.

Autumn arrives



Photos: Joshua Earle & Anna Jakutajc-Wojtalik for Unsplash

Bright Colours of Autumn.

Golden grain, harvest loaf,

Ripening grapes,

Blood red wine.

To sustain us, through the winter.

To sustain through our lives.

A gift from the Father,
the gift of His Son.

Sue Brough, Autumn 1995.

AGM

*Sunday 18th October after
10am service*

All communicants aged 16 or over are eligible
to vote at our AGM but all are welcome to
attend the review of the 25/26 year on 18 Oct.

To save paper, the agenda, annual accounts
and reports will be emailed to those on the
church circulation list the week before and a
few printed copies will be available on the day.

If you want to check whether you are on the
circulation list please speak with Helen.

Ordination

Sunday 27 September 7pm

At a very spiritually moving service led by Bishop
Nick with music played by Alison (with hymns
[and readings] chosen by Stephen Parratt)
Stephen was ordained to the Transitional
Diaconate of the Scottish Episcopal Church. A
transfer of orders from his ministry as a Baptist
minister, and, latterly, as a member of staff at the
Glasgow Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Garnethill.
Stephen continues in his portfolio ministry of
post-retirement Spiritual Accompaniment
alongside his developing ministry within our
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
For the next year he will be attached to All Saints'
Bearsden to broaden his experience of the Diocese
but he will be back at St Andrew's from time to
time.

Photos: Robert Anderson



Visit to Iona Part 1

My journey started from Milngavie travelling from Buchanan Bus Station to Oban where I was staying at Harbour View Guest House run by Dilys, a lovely lady who looks after you very well with a lovely breakfast before travelling on your journey.

I travelled to Oban on the Friday, then on the ferry to Craignure on Mull, then to Fionnphort for the ferry to Iona. People ask who I am going with and I would say friends. Everyone is a friend that you just haven't met yet. On the bus to Fionnphort there was another lady, Ellie from Los Angeles, who was to be staying at the Abbey and was to become a friend.

Once arrived at the Abbey we would go to the refectory for the team introduction and coffee. There I met an old friend Scott. We first met in



2019 becoming good friends while doing our chores. He came to me and said "James Carrick" and I said "Scott". It had been 7 years since we first met. Then we were introduced to our rooms. Mine was next to lift to help me get about.

As a group staying at the Abbey, you were more involved in the Service at the Abbey doing the readings. Also, one person from Wales was ordained Priest and did the service for the Sunday. For all, this was a beautiful moment. There was a big group from Wales, including children which was lovely to see. There was a little show for us as guests to perform, people singing, reading poetry, playing guitar, and children reading jokes and poems, also Gabriella who had a beautiful voice and was lovely dancer. At the Service there was someone that looked familiar. It was my old friend Polly who was the Iona Community Prayer Circle Co-ordinator. It was lovely to see her again as for over ten years I had been going each year with the Prayer Circle group staying at the Mac and the Abbey, meeting friends from all over and getting to know the staff and Volunteers, some of whom now live and work on the Island.

I managed to go on the Pilgrimage on the Tuesday where we stopped for moments of prayer and silence which was beautiful and fulfilling.

This was very much a time of contemplation for me, having been to Iona on several occasions, a time for Mind, Body and Soul.

Article and Photos: James Carrick



Dorcas Group Update

The Dorcas group had a very productive session creating angels in preparation for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's, as well as lovely pot holders. It next meets in the hall on Monday 26th October, 11.15am. All are welcome.



Photos: Morag Jackson

Book Group News

October's book is Marie's choice "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans, meeting at 2.30pm on Thursday 22nd October. The last meeting of the year is on Thursday 3rd December when we'll be discussing Caroline's choice, "Precipice" by Robert Harris. New members welcome.

Confirmation Sun 22 Nov 10am

Bishop Nick will be with us to conduct a service which, since the church's revision of its Initiation Rites in 1998, is called "Re-affirmation of Holy Baptism".

Our young acolytes [candle bearers] Xander and Patrick are at an appropriate stage of their faith development and will be part of the service. The first time Baptismal vows are re-affirmed at a service conducted by a Bishop continues to be called Confirmation.

Remembrance Sunday 8 Nov

The Vestry is considering whether to follow the lead of other Milngavie churches and retime our Remembrance morning service to 9.30am so that people can join in the community service at the War Memorial in the Precinct without curtailing worship. Please let Tim or Helen know your views on this.

Seeking a New Rector

The process has now moved to the stage of advertising and a call for applications will be placed by Diocesan officials in various publications and websites this month. It is hoped that this could result in an appointment starting early in the New Year.

Concerts

St Cyprian's Lenzie has a season of Saturday evening concerts which started on 26 Sep. See the poster in the hall or www.musicstcyprians.co.uk

