

# WHAT IS THIS PLACE? WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

**28th July - 3rd August 2012**

**A gathering on Iona with the  
WILD GOOSE RESOURCE GROUP & Friends**



**‘What is this place, who are these people?’** is one in a series of events led by the **Wild Goose Resource Group** with invited experts in participative liturgical renovation, using both centres on Iona to allow as diverse a group as possible to develop skills for use in local congregations.

This particular gathering will, amongst other things, look at the places where we worship and whether they fulfil God’s purpose, in order to identify some creative solutions to make them more responsive and appropriate for use; and equally importantly... the people who gather there and whether the words, music, symbols and patterns of activity speak to them and for them.

The **Wild Goose Resource Group** will be leading the week’s workshops, more than ably abetted by three of Scotland’s most expert creative liturgical artists & musicians: **Jane Bentley, Steve Butler & Carol Marples.**

There will be plenty of singing, plenty of dreaming, plenty of people seeking ‘new ways to touch the hearts of all’.

Each day has a range of activities: re-exploring the Bible, developing new musical repertoire, discovering hidden creative talent, and singing and praying together in a place which has been a cradle of Christian renewal since 563 when Columba lilted a Gaelic psalm.

The last five events have featured, amongst other things, how to teach songs to the unsinging, biblical film-making (which reduced Hollywood to insignificance), drumming for the arrhythmic, ‘Musica Scotticana’ for Sassenachs (a Scots word for foreigners), dry-stone dykeing with cardboard boxes and filling the Abbey cloisters with piles of re-cycled waste. This event will contain seminars and workshops on one, some, or all of the above.

As always, Scottish-based participants are warmly encouraged to book in advance despite the fact that the wee island isn’t far from Glasgow (though it’s quicker to fly to Montreal!).



## The Wild Goose Resource Group

... are **John Bell**, **Jo Love** and **Graham Maule**. Over the past twenty-five years, the Resource Group has enabled, discussed, learned and argued about public worship throughout Great Britain and further afield. Under the auspices of The Iona Community, the Group works across the denominational spectrum in the fields of music & worship.



### Steve Butler

Currently working as Associate Minister, St John's Episcopal Church, Dumfries, Steve's work at St James' Leith in creative liturgy, visual art and spacial innovation, made that wee church amongst the most exciting in Scotland. A man of many talents, he is a leading light in Solas, Scotland's arts & faith festival, an accomplished song-writer and a member of the legendary Lies Damned Lies. [www.steve-butler.com](http://www.steve-butler.com); [ferndalestudio.co.uk](http://ferndalestudio.co.uk)



### Carol Marples

Currently studying on the ITIA masters course in St Andrews, Carol is a highly skilled workshop enabler, visual artist and musician (member of the Flaming Norah ceilidh band). As well as her work at St James' Leith, her Soulmarks project is perhaps the most inspiring visual arts presence on the Scottish church scene. [www.soulmarks.co.uk](http://www.soulmarks.co.uk)



### Jane Bentley

Jane works all over the UK and abroad, encouraging all manner of people to engage in music in schools, hospitals, universities, conferences, community events and special needs groups. Originally trained in theatre, Jane has worked with International Purves Puppets, spent three years living and working with the Iona Community on the island and studied Comunity Arts (specialising in music). She recently completed a PhD in musical participation, interaction, and its role in human wellbeing. [www.art-beat.info](http://www.art-beat.info)



## Costs

Below is a note of the cost for this six day programme. The adult prices include an amount to offset the cost of an increased specialist leadership team and materials, as this week is more highly resourced than normal programmed weeks on Iona. All charges include VAT at 20%.

	<u>Abbey</u>	<u>MacLeod Centre</u>
Adult	£ 358.00	£ 337.00
Full time student/Low income*	£ 179.00	£ 169.00
Young person (4-15)	£ 144.00	£ 128.00
Child (0-3)	£ 38.00	£ 35.00

\* UK residents only

*Bookings are taken only if participants plan to arrive at the start of the programme, i.e. on Saturday 28th July.*

For UK residents - on the application form there is an opportunity to indicate if further subsidy is required. Please do not feel intimidated by this – the WGRG has an amount of subsidy available and we wish to allocate it as widely as possible. We are keen to ensure that no-one is excluded from this event for financial reasons.

## How to Apply

Please send completed application forms (available from WGRG) as soon as possible to:

**The Administrator, WGRG,  
The Iona Community, 4th Floor, Savoy House,  
140 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow , G2 3DH  
Tel: 0141 332 6343  
E: [wgrg@iona.org.uk](mailto:wgrg@iona.org.uk)**

Applications will be dealt with initially by the Wild Goose Resource Group in Glasgow. Places will be allocated according to the criteria outlined above and not on a first-come-first-served basis. (In previous years there has also been a waiting list for this event.)

When we allocate places, the WGRG office in Glasgow will send you a booking form, with information about payment. AT THAT TIME, we will require a £50 deposit - to be sent with the booking form to the island booking office. (If paying by Visa/Mastercard, there is a £6 charge per transaction.)

Please send no money until we advise you to do so.



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## APPLICATION FORM

Please type or write in block capitals

Title	Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Revd / Dr		(circle as appropriate)
Name			
Address			
Postcode		Tel no.	
E-mail			
Denomination		Age	

Which description best suits your congregation:

Rural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Town	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suburban	<input type="checkbox"/>	City centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban priority	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Are you any of the following?

Worship leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minister/ priest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choir/ music group leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	Choir/ music group member	<input type="checkbox"/>		

If you play an instrument or instruments, please specify:

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Any other areas of interest / expertise (e.g. visual arts)?

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Are there any particular aspects of the Church's worship about which you would like to learn more, or any particular enabling / leadership skills you would like to develop?

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Reason for applying for this week?

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Bearing in mind the different prices, please indicate your accommodation choice:

No preference	<input type="checkbox"/>	MacLeod Centre preferred	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abbey preferred	<input type="checkbox"/>
MacLeod Centre only	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abbey only	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Have you stayed in the Abbey or MacLeod centre in the past three years? (Please specify when)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	When	<input type="text"/>
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On the information sheet, there are subsidised rates printed for young people and those on a low income. Do any of these categories apply to you? *UK Residents Only*

Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low income	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>
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Do you wish to be considered for any further subsidy, offered by WGRG? *UK Residents Only*

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any information would be helpful	<input type="text"/>
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How did you hear about this week?

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PLEASE NOTE: answers to any of the above questions do not automatically include or exclude anyone

Please return completed applications to:

THE ADMINISTRATOR, WILD GOOSE RESOURCE GROUP, IONA COMMUNITY, 4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, SAVOY HOUSE,  
140 SAUCHIEHALL ST, GLASGOW, G2 3DH. tel: 0141 332 6343 fax: 0141 332 1090

e-mail: [wgrg@iona.org.uk](mailto:wgrg@iona.org.uk)

please feel free to make copies of this form and the information leaflet for anyone you know who might also be interested.