



2015 calendar

ABBEY CENTRE	DATES	MACLEOD CENTRE
<p>Work Week A week preparing the opening of the Centres on Iona – full of fun, laughter, worship, work and conversations by the fire.</p>	14-20 March	Closed
<p>Open Week – Half price offer Join us for an open experience of God, each other and building community as we share in this varied and flexible programme based on the core issues and concerns of the Iona Community.</p>	21-27 March	Closed
<p>Easter Experience: From Wish to Hope A time to travel with others through the events and experiences of the last week of Jesus' life, his death and resurrection. Time to stop, be still, reflect, feel challenged, be energised and refreshed for the next stage of your journey.</p>	28 March-6 April	Closed
<p>Short week - Full group booking</p>	7-10 April	Closed
<p>Open Week See description 21 March.</p>	11-17 April	Closed
<p>Open Week See description 21 March</p>	18-24 April	Closed
<p>Open Week – Half price offer See description 21 March.</p>	25 Apr- 1May	Closed
<p>Open Week – Half price offer See description 21 March</p>	2-8May	Closed
<p>Open Week – Half price offer See description 21 March</p>	9-15 May	MacLeod Centre fully booked for a school
<p><u>University of the Highlands and Islands Summer School</u> Be guided through the historical and spiritual landscape of this beautiful island by Prof Donna Heddle and Dr Victoria Whitworth (UHI). Each day will feature academic lectures on the history, culture and folklore of Iona, on St Columba and the early Church, on Celtic sculpture and early Celtic literature, with escorted field excursions, including a boat trip to Staffa and Fingal's Cave and additional social activities. Guests will receive Summer School handbooks and 'goody bags' and enjoy the unique experience of the common life of the Abbey. <i>Single and double rooms available.</i> Price for this week £750 (incl. field trips)</p>	16-22 May	Open Week See description 21 March

<p align="center">Open Week See description 21 March</p>	23-29 May	<p align="center">Open Week See description 21 March</p>
<p align="center">World Encounter</p> <p>A week of exploration and creativity based on African and other world music, poetry, writing and crafts led by Alison Swinfen. The week will include a focus on interfaith conversations and activities shared with those who are different from ourselves. Alison, together with friends from around the world, will use music, poetry and craft to celebrate cultural diversity and enable interfaith conversations.</p>	30 May – 5 June	<p align="center">Many Paths, Many Crossings?</p> <p>An introduction to Interfaith Dialogue, looking at our common values and how we might work together for a more just and inclusive world. This week is facilitated by Dr. Maureen Sier and Frances Hume who are part of the of Interfaith Scotland organisation.</p>
<p align="center">Honouring Columcille</p> <p>The Book of Kells has been described as the “Great Gospel of Columcille”. This week will explore the richness of artistic work created in honour of Columba. The week will be led by Rosemary Power, Iona Community member and Historian.</p>	6-12 June	<p>MacLeod Centre fully booked for a school</p>
<p align="center">Unfurling</p> <p>We all dream of a better world. More peaceful, more harmonious, more caring and more celebratory. That peaceful world needs to begin in us. This week with Ian and Gail Adams will be an opportunity to explore how we might discover, nurture and then live out our deep God-given inner peace. This may gradually come to be experienced as an <i>unfurling</i> into a life of imagination, adventure and generosity. The week will offer a mix of teaching, conversation, stillness and spiritual practice.</p>	13- 19 June	<p align="center">Earth Encounter</p> <p>This week will open up the theological and political challenges of climate change in a world dominated by the power of fossil fuels. Prof Michael Northcott will offer alternative ways for Christians to live, echoing the priorities of early Christian and Celtic communities.</p>
<p align="center">Open week See description 21 March</p>	20 – 26 June	<p align="center">Open week See description 21 March</p>
<p align="center">Open week See description 21 March</p>	27 June – 3 July	<p align="center">Open Week See description 21 March</p>
<p align="center">Choose Life</p> <p><i>What do I know when I am in this place that I can know nowhere else? And... what does this place know of me that I cannot know of myself?</i> (Robert MacFarlane ‘The Old Ways-A journey on foot’)</p> <p>The invitation during this week is to creatively explore our relationship with ourselves, others and the environment as ways of reaching a deeper understanding about who we are and what we are being called to become in the One who loves us. Cara Riley and Rick Stott will enable a creative conversation (and possibly film making) between God, ourselves and the island environment.</p>	4 – 10 July	<p align="center">Open week See description 21 March</p>
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		obstacles to encountering God, and how we might overcome them to grow in holiness. Judy Hirst, an experienced facilitator, priest, educator and writer, will facilitate the week.
25 – 31 July Youth festival: Welcome Home The Iona Community Youth Festival will gather 15-18 year olds from around the world to live in community for a week, make new friends and experience Iona. We will explore the idea of 'Welcome' and how we live lives of welcome as individuals, as communities and as nations. Led by the Iona Community Youth Team.		
1-7 August Community week For members of the Iona Community, partners and families.		
8 – 14 August An Island Full of Voices Stories on hillsides, stories on beaches – a week of story-telling and listening set within the tradition of the Scottish islands. This cross centre week is a fun, family orientated week that everyone can enjoy and is led by Jan Sutch Pickard.		
Open Week See description 21 March	15 -21 August	Family Open Week See description 21 March – targeted mainly but not exclusively at families
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Inspiration in life and death Etty Hillesum was a young Jewish woman from Amsterdam who died in Auschwitz. Her writings have become known internationally as a profound witness to humanity and faith in the midst of war and genocide. Ulrich Lincoln will lead us to examine our own spiritual journey in the light of Etty's wisdom. It would be helpful to read " An Interrupted Life: The diaries and letters of Etty Hillesum 1941-43" in preparation for this week	29 Aug–4 Sept	Open Week See description 21 March
Reflection for Action A time to pause and reflect before we step out on the next part of life's journey. <i>Guest numbers restricted to 20. Single rooms</i>	5 – 11 Sept	Open Week See description 21 March
Open Week See description 21 March	12 – 18 Sept	Food Matters Sharing delicious food is at the heart of living in community; food justice is at the heart of God's created order. This week will open up some key issues we all face in producing, buying and eating food. Liz Dowler is a Community member, Geoff Tansey writer and broadcaster, both are members of the Food Ethics Council.
Wild Goose Resource Group – Viable Alternatives Do we need a choir? Must there always be a sermon? Is 'words, words, words' the only way? Are pews inflexible? If we change	19 -25 Sept	Open Week See description 21 March

<p>anything will people be angry forever? These and other questions will be opened up as John Bell and Graham Maule, drawing on positive experience, suggest some viable alternatives.</p> <p>To apply, please contact the Wild Goose Resource Group in Glasgow – 0141 332 6343 wqrg@iona.org.uk Supplementary charge £45 per adult, £20 student/low income.</p>		
<p>Greeting our lives with the gospels Pádraig Ó Tuama will guide us to hear the gospels anew by exploring the poetry, language and narrative that forms them. We will learn to use some of the traditional tools of faith like Lectio Divina and Ignatian meditation. Pádraig serves as leader of the Corrymeela Community.</p>	26 Sept- 2 Oct	Centre closed
<p>Iona Community Associate Members' Week For Associate Members, partners and families. A week with Peter Macdonald, leader of the Iona Community.</p>	3 - 9 Oct	
<p>Community Week For members of the Iona Community, partners, families.</p>	10 - 16 Oct	
<p>Work Week A week preparing for the closing of the Centres at the end of the season – full of fun, laughter, worship, work and conversations by the fire.</p>	17 -23 Oct	
Centre Closed	24 Oct-9 Nov	
<p>Reflection for Action (7nights) A time to pause and reflect before we step out on the next part of life's journey. <i>Guest numbers restricted to 20. Single rooms.</i></p>	10 – 17 Nov	
Centre Closed	15–23 Nov	
<p>Reflection for Action (7 nights) A time to pause and reflect before we step out on the next part of life's journey. <i>Guest numbers restricted to 20. Single rooms.</i></p>	21 – 28 Nov	
Centre Closed	29 Nov– 21 Dec	
<p>Christmas House Party (6 nights) Join us for a House Party celebrating the birth of Christ.</p>	22 – 29 Dec	
Centre Closed	From 30 Dec	