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Island Centres Programme 2017
Come and experience the Iona Community’s Island Centres

‘When I came to Iona I thought I was going to the end of the world. It turns out I was coming to the beginning of a world.’

We are an ecumenical Christian community with a dispersed worldwide membership of Full Members, Associate Members and Friends. Inspired by our faith and loving concern for the world and its people, we pursue justice and peace in and through community. The Iona Community welcomes guests to share in the common life in the Abbey and MacLeod Centre, Iona and Camas outdoor adventure centre, Mull.
At our Iona Centres we seek to nurture community through sharing a pattern for living together through the week.

Staff and guests eat meals together. We have an ethical food purchasing policy and serve locally and ethically sourced food wherever possible. The meals are mainly vegetarian and most medical diets can be catered for given advance notice.

Living in community involves giving and receiving and sharing tasks.

‘The rhythm of daily worship is deeply sustaining.’
Experiencing the Iona Centres

Programme Sessions
During ‘Gathering Space’ the programme sessions are led by resident staff on diverse topics that reflect the commitments and aims of the Iona Community. During themed weeks leaders offer sessions on a specific topic. Please see calendar for details.

Services in the Abbey
Everything that we do together is an offering to God: cooking, cleaning, rest, sharing meals, discussion, making music and learning crafts, playing and praying. We go out from the morning service knowing that the work of our day flows directly from our worship.

Each day gives more than one opportunity to gather for services in the Abbey Church. All services in the Abbey are open to everyone living on the island or visiting. Service times during the season are 9am and 7.30 pm, with short afternoon services focused on Justice and Peace issues at 2 pm on weekdays in June, July and August. Morning services follow a similar office to that developed as the Iona Community came into being and found its calling: a liturgy which is now used with variations all over the world.

On Saturday night there is a Welcome Service for those staying for a week in the Centres. The Sunday morning Communion Service, with an open table, is at 10.30 am. Evening services through the week follow helpful themes: Justice and Peace, Prayer for Healing and Commitment. Guests are given a parting blessing during the (earlier) Friday morning Leaving Service at 8:10 am.

Pilgrimages
These take place on Tuesdays (weather permitting) and are led by resident staff who provide reflections and interpretation along the way. The long pilgrimage goes off-road and covers a distance of about 9 km. A shorter on-road pilgrimage covers about 5 km. All pilgrims meet up on the west coast of the island for refreshments.

The ‘Big’ and ‘Wee’ Sings
Singing is very much a part of the Iona experience and there are opportunities to learn new songs for worship – both Wild Goose and global music.

Ceilidhs
Every Monday evening we hold a ceilidh in the village hall so there is the opportunity to enjoy some Scottish dancing. Instruction is given and no prior experience is required – just enthusiasm.
**Book Chats**
There are frequent opportunities throughout the season to hear more about the range of books on offer at the Iona Community Shop, particularly from Wild Goose Publications.

**Time for Quiet**
The island has a number of places where guests can enjoy quiet reflection either outdoors, in the Abbey or in one of the chapels. Books can be borrowed from the libraries in either centre. There is a well-stocked craft room where guests are encouraged to explore their creativity.

**Trip to Staffa Island (additional cost)**
Each week, weather permitting, there is the opportunity to go on a boat trip to Staffa Island and explore Fingal’s Cave.

‘It was good to learn more about the Community and see it in practice.’
Pattern of a ‘Typical’ Week

Staying at the Abbey

The Iona Abbey Centre consists of buildings that were rebuilt by the founding members of the Iona Community and have retained a distinctly monastic feel. The corridors and staircases link the shared bedrooms with the washrooms, the magnificent Refectory (dining hall), the Abbey Cloisters and the medieval Abbey Church itself. Guests gather in the ancient Chapter House for formal sessions; relax in the cosy Common Room and have the opportunity to read or reflect in the impressive wood-panelled library overlooking the Sound of Iona. Accommodation is free from television and the internet. Our bedrooms are clean and comfortable, mostly bunk bedded for 2-4 people.

Staying at the Macleod Centre

The MacLeod Centre is a newer building and is particularly suited to families, young people and people with impaired mobility. It is a spacious and light-filled building, built on two storeys around a grassed play area. The ‘Mac’, as it is known, has shared, same gender bedrooms for 5 or 7 people, cleverly designed to give each person space and a sense of privacy as well as community. A major feature of the building is its impressive, well-equipped craft room where guests are encouraged to explore their creativity. There is a small library and room for relaxation overlooking the garden. Accommodation is free from television and the internet. A key experience of the week is the opportunity to gather round the
dove in the Community Room which is also used for meals and events.

The Iona Community’ s Shop and Welcome Centre

Just across the road from the Abbey, visitors – whether guests in the Centres or on the island for a week or a day – will find the Community’s shop and information about the Iona Community. Committed to Fairtrade and environmentally sustainable goods, and to supporting local producers, the shop stocks a range of gifts, food, clothing and books. These include resources for worship and reflection, peace and justice issues and, the full range of Wild Goose publications. These can be seen at www.ionabooks.com
# AT THE ABBEY

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| **Gathering Space**  
Focusing on ‘the wisdom in the room’, the experience of the community gathered that week, permeated by the core values of the Iona Community: working for justice, healing and peace in our localities and the whole of creation. Led by the resident **Programme Team** | 25 - 31 March |
| **Gathering Space**  
See description for 25th March. | 1 - 7 April   |
| **Easter: A drama in 3 Acts.**  
Retelling the story of the three days, from sunset on Maundy Thursday to sunrise on Easter Day, afresh. Crafting words, creating objects, devising movement of bodies in sacred space and being open to challenging questions: what is old? what is new? what is changing? Led by **Helene Grøn** (9 nights) | *8 - 17 April |
| **Full Group Booking** (3 nights) | *18 - 21 April|
| **Gathering Space**  
See description for 25th March. | 22 - 28 April |
| **Gathering Space**  
See description for 25th March. | 29 Apr - 5 May|
| **Re-visiting Celtic Christianity: exploding myths and dreaming dreams.**  
Discovering the origins of some myths about Celtic Christianity and what we now know about Columba and about Celtic themes of presence and pilgrimage. The relevance today of these themes in context of pastoral ministry, pilgrimage and journey as metaphors of faith and as actual physical activities such as the Iona–St Andrews Pilgrim Way. Led by **Ian Bradley** | 6 - 12 May |
## The Iona Community 2017 programme

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<td>The Four Corners of Faith: Many people find God revealed mostly in either scripture, tradition, reason or experience. The week provides opportunities to be open to God in new ways, so we may better embrace those in our faith communities whose way of meeting God differs from our own. Led by <strong>Shalome MacNeill Cooper.</strong></td>
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<td>For many people in churches, change is a no-go area, a source of stress and the cause of major disagreement. Yet change is the central dynamic of the Christian faith: Jesus both changes people and in the resurrection moves from being a corpse to a living body. The Wild Goose Resource Group will draw on and explore what we have seen and enabled, such as the redesigning of space; solo performer ministries becoming shared endeavours; reluctant assemblies becoming oases of song. If, after this week, you go away unchanged, ask for your money back. To apply, please contact the Wild Goose Resource Group in Glasgow – 0141 429 7281; <a href="mailto:wildgoose@wildgoose.scot">wildgoose@wildgoose.scot</a> Supplementary charge £45 per adult, £20 student/low income.</td>
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## Weaving Words for Worship
What makes a good hymn or liturgy? Are the words and music we use in worship effective in helping people engage with and respond to the Gospel? We will explore these and other questions while working together to craft a short Communion liturgy for use at the end of the week, which will then be offered as a digital download by Wild Goose Publications. With **Alison Adam** (worship leader and WGP author) and **Pat Bennett** (hymn writer and WGP author) in conjunction with **Wild Goose Publications**.

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## Becoming Effective Changemakers
Reimagining the world informed by the spirituality of change. Sharing tactics for progressive change and taking small steps towards the vision - including online and offline strategies. Connecting different aspects of the struggle for justice. Led by **Kelvin Holdsworth**.

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### Writing, Body and Soul
Writing and reflecting on poetry addressing body and soul. Workshops use a variety of contemporary poems as starting points for our own writing. Beginners and more experienced writers welcome. Led by Nicola Sleee and Rosie Miles.

### Gathering Space
See description for Abbey 25th March.

### Love for the Future: Spiritual Resources for Environmental Justice
Exploring different forms of spirituality which can all help us change within ourselves and give us the energy we need to work for change in society. The week will include: getting outside and getting mucky; spending time looking at what is around us or listening to what we can hear; using our imaginations to try to feel how things are for other people; reflecting on our own lifestyles and societies; and taking part in and reflecting on being part of the worship and community life on the island. Led by David Osborne.

### Change Without Decay
See description for Abbey 15 - 21 July. To apply, please contact the Wild Goose Resource Group in Glasgow – 0141 429 7281; wildgoose@wildgoose.scot Supplementary charge £45 per adult, £20 student/low income.

### Just Church: Fresh Expressions
Looking at issues such as poverty, marginalisaion, discrimination, peace, climate change etc. and exploring together the contexts in which we work to discover how we can live out a Christian witness in a deeply divided world. Also thinking about how our worship can be liberating, inclusive and fun, we explore some of Jesus’ stories to re-ignite our delight in the liberating Gospel. Led by Chris Howson.

### Youth Festival
For 15-18 year olds and their group leaders.

### Iona Community Members Week

### Work Week
**Amanullah de Sondy** is Senior Lecturer in Contemporary Islam at University College, Cork, in Ireland.

**Joshua Ralston** lectures in Christian-Muslim Relations at the University of Edinburgh.

**Nicola Slee,** Director of Research at the Queen’s Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Birmingham, England, has published 3 volumes of mixed poetry and prose with SPCK and, with Rosie Miles, edited *Doing December Differently* for Wild Goose Publications (2006).

**Rosie Miles** teaches English at the University of Wolverhampton, England, and has been published in a number of Wild Goose anthologies. Her debut pamphlet *Cuts* came out with Scottish press Happenstance in 2015.

**Helene Grøn,** a playwright and theatre-maker resident in Scotland, grew up in a vibrant Danish/Dutch church community with a focus on welcome and now works with a number of creative ventures including Leylines theatre company based in Glasgow.

**Jan Sutch Pickard,** a longstanding member of the Iona community, is a poet and activist.

**Alison Swinfen** (Phipps) is convenor of GRAMNet: Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network.

**Chris Howson,** founder of Bradford Street Angels, is Chaplain to Sunderland University.

**David Osborne** is a Member of the Iona Community and author of several books including *Love for the Future: a Journey on spirituality and the environment.*

**Warren Bardsley** is a founding member of Kairos Britain and author of books on peace and Justice in Israel/Palestine.

**Shalome MacNeill Cooper** studied confessing movements in graduate school in Canada and uses this analysis, and her experience of working with urban and rural faith congregations in transition, in her ministry.

**Ian Bradley** is Principal of St Mary’s College, University of St Andrews, Scotland, and has published widely on Celtic Christianity.

**Kelvin Holdsworth** is Provost and Rector of St Mary’s Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow, and a long-time activist for equality.
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If you are a UK resident and would like to enquire about the low income rate, tick here  

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Yes  
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Please read the other side of this form and confirm that you have read the Terms & Conditions of Booking.
Please complete all sections and tick the appropriate boxes. This information is vital in enabling us to help you enjoy your stay in our centres. Please provide one form for EACH person and write clearly in BLOCK CAPITALS.

DATES YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME: (Unless specified, weeks last 6 nights, Saturday afternoon to Friday 0900)

• FIRST CHOICE: Abbey / MacLeod Centre / Camas (Mull)* From __________ to __________

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• THIRD CHOICE: Abbey / MacLeod Centre / Camas (Mull)* From __________ to __________

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Name:

Signature: Date:

Thank you for completing this form. We hope we will be able to accommodate you and look forward to welcoming you to our centres.

Return to: The Booking Administrator, Iona Community, Isle of Iona, Argyll, PA76 6SN. Tel. 01681 700404. Fax 01681 700460. Email: bookings@iona.org.uk
I experienced community in a new way here - I experienced new ways of living together.
Guests are invited to consider their carbon footprint when planning their travel to Iona. The online Journey Planner, accessible from our website, is a useful tool in planning your journey. If you travel by car, please note that cars must be left either in the long stay car parks in Oban or at Fionnphort as it is not possible to bring cars over to Iona.

Travel to Iona and the Ross of Mull is time-consuming and weather-dependent. The Iona Community is not liable for any delays caused by transport or weather.

**Useful contact numbers:**

Caledonian MacBrayne (ferries)
0800 066 5000
www.calmac.co.uk

West Coast Motors (the bus across Mull)
01586 552319
www.westcoastmotors.co.uk

National Rail
03457 49 49 50
www.nationalrail.co.uk

Oban Tourist Information
01631 563122
www.oban.org.uk

Scottish Citylink (coach travel to Oban)
0871 266 33 33
www.citylink.co.uk
Prices 2017

Prices include accommodation, all meals and refreshments, choice of pilgrimages around the island, ceilidh, workshops, art and craft activities, singing/playing opportunities, use of library and recreational areas and Historic Scotland’s entrance fee to the Abbey grounds for the week.

### The Abbey

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To book contact bookings@iona.org.uk tel 01681 700404
* Weeks in between can be booked by groups. Contact the Camas Coordinator on 01681 700367 or camascoord@iona.org.uk
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To book Open Weeks contact
Booking Administrator
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Camas is based on the Isle of Mull, in a beautiful secluded bay 2.5km from the road. It is a unique place of strong community, laughter, adventure, reflection and simple living. The centre offers ‘Open’ weeks to both young people and adults, as well as group bookings primarily for young people from marginalised backgrounds. Accommodation is in bunk-bedded, shared rooms in restored granite cottages. Majoring on outdoor activities, Camas builds community through nurturing confidence and acceptance.

The Camas Centre provides an opportunity to build friendships, engage in activities such as climbing, art and craft, canoeing, coasteering, the John Muir Award and camping on the white sand beach of Market Bay. Communal living supports and nurtures, encouraging individuals to bloom and take confidence back home.

Mull is a great venue for expeditions. Mountains, lochs and open sea provide a breathtaking backdrop to multi-activity expeditions including walking, sea kayaking and sailing. For those wishing to take on a different challenge, journeying provides the space and time for reflection and the experience of a lifetime.

Group prices vary between peak and offpeak seasons and subsidy is available for groups from marginalised backgrounds.
**Meals**
We offer simple, tasty, mainly vegetarian food made with fresh, local ingredients wherever possible. All our meals are eaten communally.

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**Practical info**

**Family friendly**
Children are always welcome. We run a variety of activities for children (aged 4-12 years) during certain weeks. This year there will be dedicated children’s programmes available during Easter and the months of July and August. (The Community’s Safeguarding Policy is available on request.)

**Mobility and access**
- For people with hearing impairment we have induction loops in the Refectory, MacLeod Centre Community Room and the Abbey Church.

- For people with sight impairment we have large print books available in the Abbey Church and some resources available in braille.
Practical Information

Getting to Camas
Access to Camas is by a 2.5km walk along a moorland track. The centre can be accessed by boat, weather permitting, with prior arrangement.

Medical care
Please note that there is no doctor resident on the island of Iona. Please remember to bring your own medications.

‘The children have loved their time here from start to finish.
I saw so much growth with our young people and also learned a lot about myself.’

(Youth Group Leader)
‘I came for myself, I left with others’
Living in community on the island of Iona has a long history. This tiny island became a place of pilgrimage because it is where St Columba came into exile with a group of followers in 563. He founded a monastery which became both a place of sanctuary and a base for mission.

In 1200 the Benedictine order established a presence here. Their abbey was built on the site of the Celtic monastery. Again pilgrims made the long sea-journey to Iona, seeking a blessing and receiving hospitality. At the Reformation the Benedictine community was dispersed and the buildings fell into ruins.

The pilgrims still came, but there was no religious community to welcome them. Then, in 1900, work began on rebuilding the Abbey Church, which the Duke of Argyll had given to the people of Scotland specifying that all Christians should be free to worship there. The services led by the Iona Community continue in this ecumenical spirit today.

When the Church was completed in 1910 it was used by visiting pilgrim groups and occasionally by the island community. Then, in 1938 George MacLeod brought a team of unemployed craftsmen, with young theological students as their labourers, to begin work on rebuilding the rest of the Abbey: cloisters, refectory, kitchens, dormitories, library, chapter-house – what George MacLeod called ‘the place of the common life.’
Reminder

Enquiry forms should be returned to:

The Booking Administrator, Iona Community, Isle of Iona, Argyll, PA76 6SN.
Tel. 01681 700404.
Fax 01681 700460.
Email: bookings@iona.org.uk

Alternatively, enquiries can be made direct through our website
www.iona.org.uk

‘The Iona Community has changed me from being a “Sunday Christian” to a person who finds that faith inspires me to action every day in all my life’.

Who we are

Members share a Rule of life that includes

- Daily prayer, regular engagement with scripture and worship with others
- Working for justice, healing and peace in our localities, society and the whole of creation
- Meeting together, supporting one another and accounting to each other for the use of our resources, money and time
- Sharing in the corporate life and organisation of the Iona Community

Today the Iona Community is an international, ecumenical movement based in Scotland, committed to justice and peace. The community consists of Members, Associate Members and Friends, together with paid and volunteer staff. Our head office is in Glasgow but there are members dispersed throughout the UK and worldwide. What we share, expressed in many different ways, is an experience of the liberating power of Jesus Christ and a commitment to the personal and social transformation that springs from the vision and values of the Gospel.
If you would like further information on any aspect of our work please see our website: www.iona.org.uk

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