

Diocese of Chichester

Pilgrimage Retreat to Iona

Led by

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- The Archdeacon of Horsham -

13th - 17th July 2020



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Led by The Venerable Fiona Windsor, an experienced leader of both pilgrimages and retreats. This is a chance to experience a special break on the beautiful island of St Columba where Christianity took root.

Day 1 - Monday 13th July **Starting our Pilgrimage**

Our pilgrimage begins in Glasgow where we are asked to check-in no later than 6:30pm. Please ensure you make your own arrangements to and from Glasgow. Overnight stay in central Glasgow.

Day 2 - Tuesday 14th July **Glasgow to Iona**

This morning, after an early breakfast, we board our train for the beautiful journey from Glasgow to Oban via the banks of Loch Lomond. On arrival in Oban we will board a ferry to take us to the Isle of Mull. From here a stunning coach ride across this beautiful island brings us to the ferry port of Fionnphort where we will board another ferry to sail on to the sacred island of Iona in the Scottish Hebrides. On arrival we will make our way to our accommodation. After settling in and an introductory session we have our first talk on the nature of the holy places, like Iona, the “thin places of the world”, where the Divine often seems very close indeed. We then enjoy dinner together.



Day 3 - Wednesday 15th July **Iona - Celtic Quiet Day**

After breakfast, Morning Prayer and Address, we will share a day of peace and reflection with scope for informal reflection and discussion and time to read, pray or walk. We will celebrate Communion just before lunch. After Evening Prayer we will dine together.



Day 4 - Thursday 16th July **Iona - Iona's Saints**

After breakfast, Morning Prayer and Address, we will share a day of peace and reflection with scope for informal reflection and discussion and time to read, pray or walk. We will celebrate Communion before lunch.



The rest of the afternoon will be free for reflection and prayer. We will finish the day with Evening Prayer and Address followed by a farewell dinner together.



Day 5 - Friday 17th July **Iona - Journey home**

After a very early breakfast and Morning Prayer, we travel by ferry, coach and train back to Glasgow, (arriving at around 4pm), where we bid each other farewell, refreshed in the spirit of Iona.

Please note this complex touring programme may be subject to minor local amendments

Iona

The prestige of Iona began in AD 563 when the Celtic bishop Columba and his twelve companions sailed from Ireland to found a monastery here and used it as a base from which to convert the Picts to Christianity. The monastery was attacked and burned six times by Vikings and was eventually abandoned in favour of Kells in Ireland.

Iona was occupied again in 1203 as a Benedictine monastery, but it fell into ruin during the Reformation when symbols of the Roman Catholic faith came under attack.

The oldest surviving building is St Oran's chapel (c. 1080), and the ornately carved St Martin's Cross (10th century) stands outside the cathedral.

Today Iona is a sacred place visited by thousands of pilgrims every year.

The Venerable Fiona Windsor

Fiona was ordained in 2000 and served her curacy in Chertsey, was responsible for leading a congregation in the largest mobile home estate in the country, 1000 dwellings.

Following this, Fiona became Team Vicar in Cambridgeshire before becoming Team Rector of the Papworth Team Ministry responsible for 15 rural parishes.

In 2014 Fiona was appointed Archdeacon of Horsham in the Chichester Diocese, she is a member of General Synod and has recently been awarded an M.A in Christian Ministry and Public Theology.



INCLUSIVE COST - £595

- ✓ 3 nights stay in a retreat house on Iona
- ✓ 1 night stay in a Glasgow hotel
- ✓ Breakfast throughout
- ✓ Return travel by coach, train & ferry between Glasgow & Iona
- ✓ All lectures and visits

The only items not included:

Optional dinner supplement (*highly recommended*) - £95, Single room supplement (if available) - £165, gratuities & gifts to churches - £20, lunches, travel Insurance, drinks, any items of a personal nature and travel between your home and Glasgow. **

Accommodation

Three nights accommodation is of a retreat house standard with bathrooms provided close to clean and comfortable bedrooms (some en-suite rooms are available) and one night in a Glasgow hotel. Accommodation is on a bed & breakfast basis with the option of a subsidised dinner supplement which we recommend (£95 for four dinners).

Getting to Glasgow **

Please note that travel to and from Glasgow is not included. Advance cheap fares to Glasgow are widely available three months prior to departure by rail, coach and airlines.

Trains: www.thetrainline.com
Coaches: www.nationalexpress.com
Flights: www.expedia.co.uk

When booking your return journey from Glasgow please ensure the departure time is 4.30pm or later.

Booking your place

All you need to book a place on this tour is send a non-refundable deposit of £100 together with the completed booking form to:-

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