

The 2010-11 Coracle Poetry Contest (on the theme of 'Just Sharing')

Coracle has always tried to encourage creativity and works of the spirit: Poetry has been a regular feature of Coracle since its beginning. This contest is a way of continuing that tradition, and of exploring the Iona Community's 'theme' for the next three years: 'Just Sharing'. The contest is also a fundraiser for Coracle.

Prizes:

1st prize – £100 voucher for Wild Goose Publications

2nd prize – £75 voucher for Wild Goose Publications

3rd prize – £50 voucher for Wild Goose Publications

Runner-up – £25 voucher for Wild Goose Publications

(Wild Goose is the publishing house of the Iona Community: www.ionabooks.com)

Winning poems and the runner-up will be published in Coracle.

Judges: Nicola Slee, author of *Praying Like a Woman* (SPCK), *The Book of Mary* (SPCK), *Faith and Feminism* (DLT), *Doing December Differently* (with Rosie Miles) (Wild Goose Publications); Joy Mead, author of *Where Are the Altars?*, *A Telling Place: Reflections on Women in the Bible*, *Making Peace in Practice and Poetry*, *The One Loaf: An Everyday Celebration* (Wild Goose Publications); Alison Swinfen, author of *Through Wood: Prayers and Poems* *Reconnecting with the Forest* (Wild Goose Publications); Neil Paynter, Editor of Coracle, author of *Down to Earth: Stories and Sketches* (Wild Goose Publications), and editor of a number of Wild Goose anthologies.

How to enter: 1. Write a poem on the theme of 'Just Sharing'. The poem may be up to 40 lines long, written in any style. The competition is open to anyone in the world writing in English. For the £10.00 entrance fee writers can enter up to two poems:

Each poem must be printed on one side of A4 paper.

Each page must be numbered and include the title of the poem.

Please send three copies of each poem. Thanks.

2. The competition will be judged 'blind', so –this is important –please make sure your name appears **only** on the entry form printed below. Send your poem(s), entry form, and entry fee (if paying by cheque) to:

**The Coracle Poetry Contest,
The Iona Community
140 Sauchiehall Street,
4th Floor, Savoy House,
Glasgow G2 3DH, United Kingdom**

No copies of poems can be returned and no correspondence with judges can be entered into. If you have a question about the contest, email Lorna at Coracle: lorna@ionabooks.com or call 0141-332-6292. Prizes are non-transferable. Employees of the Iona Community at 140 Sauchiehall Street are not eligible. Poems submitted must not have been published previously in books (self-published books OK) or magazines and must be original to the person submitting them. The closing date to enter the contest is **December 21, 2010**. Winners will be announced in the Spring 2011 Coracle. Happy writing!

From a poem written on a wall in a refugee camp in Palestine

ENTRY FORM FOR THE CORACLE POETRY CONTEST 2010-2011 (on the theme of 'Just Sharing')

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS _____

TITLE(S) OF YOUR POEM(S) _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT (cheque or credit card): If paying by cheque, please attach your cheque, payable to 'The Iona Community (poetry)', to the entry form.

If paying by credit card, please call Lorna at Wild Goose Publications to give your card details: 0141-332-6292, and mail in your poem(s) and entry form. Thank you.

