

Gathering Place

(Various dates)

In Gathering Place weeks, the morning programmes are on a variety of different subjects, and are optional. (In themed weeks - weeks with titles - we ask that those who book come willing to take part in the morning discussions and explorations of that theme.)

The day starts with breakfast, the morning service is at 9am, and from 9.25-10am approximately everyone helps with chores. From around 10.15am there might be a talk, a discussion, a bible study, a guided meditation, and we cover subjects ranging from "Images of Christ", "the relevance of Celtic Christianity today", to a justice and peace theme, something on racism, interfaith relations, more inclusive approaches to worship, peace and the environment, poverty and social exclusion etc. There is a coffee break, followed by a second session, then lunch.

Afternoons in any week are free for people to do as they wish - read, walk, rest, go to the beach, visit the Heritage Centre, have afternoon tea in a hotel etc. Some afternoons we will offer the chance to join our musician, singing song from the Wild Goose Resource Group, the world church and other sources, and our craft worker will offer candle making, banner making, drawing etc.

There is usually the chance to take a boat trip to the nearby island of Staffa to see Fingal's Cave (weather permitting) and, as with programmed weeks, on Tuesdays we offer a guided pilgrimage walk (again, weather permitting).

The evening meal is at 6pm, there is another session 7.30-8.30pm, and the evening service is at 9pm.