

Islands' Programme 2008

Your place or mine?

ABBEY CENTRE	2008	MACLEOD CENTRE
SPRING		
WORK WEEK: A week of physical work to prepare for the new season, at a reduced rate of £80.	Mar 8 - 14	CLOSED
<p>Mar 15 – 24th (9 nights) HOLY WEEK AND EASTER Walk through the last week of Jesus' life in the company of others... and be changed.</p>	<p>Mar 15 - 18 (3 nights inc. lunch on 18th) ENTERING HOLY WEEK Walk into the last week of Jesus' life with new friends and new insights. Can be booked together with "The Cross and the Resurrection" as a 9 night programme.</p>	
	<p>Mar 19 - 24 (5 nights) THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION '...if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.' Join the story, and test the truth.</p>	
<p>Mar 25 - 28 (3 nights) EXPERIENCING EASTER 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you...' A chance to explore what this might mean, and get a taste of life in community on Iona.</p>		
<p>Mar 29th - Apr 4th STUDENTS' WEEK Resident Aliens - Christian Reflections on Knowing Your Place In The World We will be exploring questions of loyalty, allegiance and lifestyle in relation to class, culture, nation/state and planet. Led by Doug Gay, Lecturer in Practical Theology and Emerging Church activist, and Lance Stone, Minister/Theologian and Dylan fan.</p>		
<p># Acting Justly: There are more people living in absolute poverty today than ever before, whilst at the same time other people have unprecedented levels of wealth. What does it mean for Christians today meeting in one place to relate to people living in very different situations in other parts of the world? How can we act justly? Led by Daleep Mukarji, director of Christian Aid, together with a Development Partner from the Global South. Children's Programme available.</p>	<p>April 5 - 11th</p>	<p>Open Week: Welcoming church, school and community groups, families and individuals, of all ages and nationalities. Finding community together in worship, programme sessions and sharing our journeys.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A GATHERING PLACE</p> <p>Gather for one week, to discover sacred space and create community with guests and Abbey staff through worship, doing essential domestic tasks, and journeying on together as pilgrims. There will be time and space to turn up the volume on scripture readings, lots of opportunities for creative expression in the craft room and through music, and the invitation to engage in those tasks that housekeeping, maintenance and gardeners need extra help to get done. For groups, families and individuals (Children's Programme available for the first week). Come for any of these six weeks, arriving Saturday and leaving Friday morning.</p>	<p>April 12 - 18th</p>	<p>Art and the Freedom of Expression: . A fun packed and relaxing week exploring a variety of art media, giving importance to the learning process rather than 'end product'. Involving group and individual work. Welcomes all ages, and no art skill necessary! Led by Caroline Jariwala, Visual Artist, Quaker, and Iona Associate.</p>
	<p>April 19 - 25th</p>	<p>Open Week: <i>As per April 5-11th.</i></p>
	<p>April 26th - May 2nd</p>	<p>Out and About - Exploring the island - Enjoy a programme with an emphasis on the beaches, the bogs, the flowers, the rocks and the people of this beautiful part of the world.</p>
	<p>May 3 - 9th</p>	<p>Open Week: <i>As per April 5-11th.</i> Come for the weekend, 3/4 May, 4 nights 5-9 May, or 6 nights 3-9 May</p>
	<p>May 10 - 16th</p>	<p>Open Week: <i>As per April 5-11th.</i></p>
	<p>May 17th - 23rd</p>	<p>L'ARCHE COMMUNITY (Fully Booked)</p>
<p>May 24 - 30th GREENBELT ON IONA The Holiness of Place Where do we belong? Who are we? Alastair McIntosh, author and activist, will help us to get to grips with issues of spirit, land and identity, and will be joined for part of the week by Kathy Galloway, Leader of the Iona Community. This week is being held in partnership with Greenbelt; providing leadership and making community. Greenbelt Bookings from October and from the wider public from Jan 1st.</p>		
SUMMER		
<p># Holy Places in Highland spirituality: 'There are no sacred places, there are no special things. All are God's and all is sacred.' So what about abbeys and islands, sheep pens and emigrant ships? Exploring some of the best and least-known holy places of the Highlands and Islands and beyond. With Gaelic prayers and poetry in translation. Led by author Mary Lowe.</p>	<p>May 31st - June 6th</p>	<p>Open Week: <i>As per April 5-11th.</i></p>

<p># Celts, Saxons and Spirituality: A week of prayer with the original poetry and prose, Gospel books and stone crosses of the early Christians in Britain and Ireland. Led by Rosemary Power, a Member of the Iona Community, who writes on medieval and contemporary Gaelic tradition, together with musicians Sheila and Ann Crotty using traditional and contemporary music from the Gaelic world.</p>	<p>Jun 7 - 13th</p>	<p>Open Week: <i>As per April 5-11th.</i></p>
<p># Rediscovering Sacred Time: Sabbath and Jubilee Using Scripture and experience as our guides, we will consider how work, rest, creativity and justice may be integrated into lives of joy and purpose. Led by Mary Brownlow, an Associate Member of the Iona Community, pastor in the United Church of Christ, and hospice chaplain.</p>	<p>Jun 14 - 20th</p>	<p>People, Prayer & Praise: creating and leading participative worship A 'how to' week for folk who are interested in creating worship in the 'Iona style'. Alison Adam and Pat Bennett will take us on a very practical journey, exploring how we shape, write and sing creative, participative liturgy.</p>
<p># The Marks of Christian Spirituality: In the brokenness of Christ and in our own brokenness the Christian finds life and purpose. Martin Shaw (the Scottish Episcopal Bishop of Argyll and the Isles) explores what it means to live this life in a fractured world.</p>	<p>Jun 21st - 27th</p>	<p>Prayer Circle Week/Open Week: Join members of the Iona Prayer Circle in a week exploring different aspects of prayer using creativity and the arts. Led by Polly Burns, Iona Prayer Circle Co-ordinator.</p>
<p># Dancing in Fire: A creative exploration of God and the feminine. For people of all faiths. Led by Kathy Galloway, Leader of the Iona Community, and Joyce Gunn Cairns, artist and member of the Iona Community.</p>	<p>Jun 28 - July 4th</p>	<p>Youth Clubs Week: Living, laughing and learning together. Week for groups of 11-14 year olds and their leaders.</p>
<p># Rebuilding Walls and Extending Boundaries: From a starting point of reflections about home and how it contributes to our identity - material, emotional and spiritual – the week will look at opportunities for practical involvement with people and communities, locally and internationally, who are excluded from a decent, settled home. Janice Clark (Habitat for Humanity Development Officer, Scotland) and Alastair Cameron (Chief Executive, Scottish Churches Housing Action) will present ways in which local faith communities can be part of the housing story. This week is offered in partnership with Christians Aware.</p>	<p>July 5 - 11th</p>	<p>Out and About - Exploring the island - Enjoy a programme with an emphasis on the beaches, the bogs, the flowers, the rocks and the people of this beautiful part of the world.</p>
<p>July 12 - 18th FAMILY HOLIDAY WEEK A week to explore the island and enjoy being creative in community. An all age programme, suitable for individuals, families and small groups. Led by Doug Gay and Rachel Morley and Family</p>		
<p># Weaving Community in the City: How do we offer hospitality to people of other faiths? The week's workshops will consider issues of inter-faith and partnership and the new ecumenism of cross-community collaboration for the common good. Led by Sam Randall and Denise Poole from their experience in Bradford.</p>	<p>July 19-25</p>	<p>Family Holiday Week - A week to explore the island and enjoy being creative in community. An all age programme, suitable for individuals, families and small groups. Led by Ewan Aitken, Iona Community Member, and family</p>
<p>July 26th - Aug 1st YOUTH FESTIVAL A programme of activities designed for both fun and challenge. With an emphasis on participation, this week is aimed at groups of 15-17 year olds and their leaders.</p>		
<p>SUMMER COMMUNITY WEEK Aug 2 - 8th For members of the Iona Community, partners and families.</p>		
<p>Family Holiday Week with the Ashram Community, exploring Christian Community in the 21st Century. Led by John and Grace Vincent with extended family.</p>	<p>Aug 9 - 15th</p>	<p>Youth Festival Extra: - A week for 18-30s. A chance to meet old friends and make new ones in an active, fun and challenging programme. Groups and individuals welcome.</p>
<p>Sharing Stories: Jan Sutch Pickard, Member both of the Iona Community and the Scottish Storytelling network, will tell tales of Iona, Mull and much further afield, and bring out the storyteller in each of us.</p>	<p>Aug 16th - 22nd</p>	<p>Open Week: <i>As per April 5-11th</i></p>
<p>Family Holiday Week - A week to explore the island and enjoy being creative in community. An all age programme, suitable for individuals, families and small groups.</p>	<p>Aug 23rd - 29th</p>	<p>Open Week: <i>As per April 5-11th.</i></p>
<p>AUTUMN</p>		
<p># Believing in Britain: Ian Bradley, minister, author and broadcaster, reflects on the overlapping spiritual identities which make up Britishness and the extent to which it provides a broad, hospitable, inclusive identity which can encompass both long-term inhabitants and more recent immigrants.</p>	<p>Aug 30th - Sept 5th</p>	<p>Sexuality & Spirituality: A chance for people of all sexual orientations to explore the links between sexuality and spirituality, both in history and in our rapidly changing world. Using discussion and creative media we move beyond labels to a position of being able to appreciate the gift of the erotic in our personal and public lives. Led by Ali Newell (team member at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre) and Peter Tyler (Senior Lecturer in Pastoral Theology and registered psychotherapist)</p>

Pilgrim Church, Pilgrim People Sept 6 - 12 th		
<p>An exploration of the theme of pilgrimage as it has been understood Biblically, historically and in contemporary terms. Why has there been such a resurgence of interest in pilgrimage over the last thirty years? As more and more people describe their faith in terms of a journey, Ian Bradley and Ray Simpson seek to discern the marks of a pilgrim church. Ian Bradley is an author, Ray Simpson the Leader of the Northumbria Community, and Kathy Galloway, Leader of the Iona Community, will be here for part of the week.</p>		
<p># Taking the Song back Home: A 'how to' week for people who want to enable singing and music back in their home churches. Alison Adam (Iona Community Member) & Gillian Cummins (Abbey musician 06/07) will facilitate a week on music-making for congregations - with an emphasis on how to make the best of what you've got.</p>	Sept 13 - 19th	<p>Weekend Taster - Come for a short taste of Iona and Community life. Arriving Saturday afternoon and leaving Monday afternoon after lunch. An Iona Community Pilgrimage - A chance to engage at a deeper level with the people, the story and the present-day commitments of the Iona Community, both urban and island. The weekend will be spent in and around Glasgow, including the Iona Community Glasgow pilgrimage, before travelling to Iona for the remainder of the week. Bookable through the Glasgow Office; Iona Community, 4th Floor Savoy House, 140 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow G2 3DH. 0141 332 6343. admin@iona.org.uk. Different cost for this week.</p>
<p># What does Love require of me? A week on Quaker Spirituality, led by Jane Fitzgerald and Susie Tilzey, focusing upon prayerful discernment for action towards justice and peace. We shall be using Helen Steven's booklet 'No extraordinary power?' together with the Quaker Testimonies Toolkit which focuses on peace, simplicity, truth and integrity, equality and environmental sustainability.</p>	Sept 20 - 26th	<p>Out and About - Exploring the island - Enjoy a programme with an emphasis on the beaches, the bogs, the flowers, the rocks and the people of this beautiful part of the world.</p>
<p># The Shape of the Church to Come: We are living between the no-longer and the not-yet; the church is no longer the powerful, dominant force it once was, and we cannot see clearly what shape it will take. A chance to think about some possible futures. Led by Kathy Galloway, Leader of the Iona Community, and Steve Butler, musician and Episcopal priest.</p>	Sept 27th - Oct 3rd	<p>Reopening a Closed Book A week of discovering new ways to read the Bible, reflect on the text, sing its major themes and find ways in which it can enable creative experiences of worship. Led by John Bell (Wild Goose Resource Group)</p>
<p>COVENTRY CHURCHES TOGETHER (fully booked) <i>Contact the Abbey Warden if you would be interested in exploring a future Block Booking of the Centre.</i></p>	Oct 4 - 10th	<p>Associates Week - A week specifically welcoming all Associates and Friends of the Iona Community. Led by Kathy Galloway.</p>
<p>Oct 11 - 17th COMMUNITY WEEK For members of the Iona Community, partners and families.</p>		
<p># Bread and Poetry: George Macleod, founder of the Iona Community, once said 'The greatest community problem of our modern world is how to share bread.' Bread only becomes real when shared – there's no such thing as <i>my</i> bread. Poetry comes alive when read and heard – there's no such thing as <i>my</i> poem. This week we'll make bread and poetry - a sharing, hands-on experience of dough and words, with Helen Lambie, baker, and Joy Mead, poet.</p>	Oct 18 - 24 th	<p>ORKNEY CHURCHES TOGETHER (fully booked) <i>Contact the Macleod Centre Warden if you would be interested in exploring a future Block Booking of the Centre.</i></p>
<p>Open Week: Welcoming church, school and community groups, families and individuals, of all ages and nationalities. Finding community together, and sharing in a programme devised with community staff in consultation with visiting groups.</p>	Oct 25th - 31st	<p>Open Week: <i>As per April 5-11th.</i></p>
<p>WORK WEEK: A week of physical work to prepare for the new season, at a reduced rate of £80.</p>	Nov 1st - 7th	<p>MACLEOD CENTRE CLOSED</p>
WINTER		
<p>ABBEY CLOSED</p>	Nov 8 - 26th	<p>MACLEOD CENTRE CLOSED</p>
<p>WINTER QUIET WEEK: Into Advent with Abbey Warden, Malcolm King, and island staff. Thurs-Thurs (7 nights). £238 (£250 with levy) Single rooms an option for all - numbers limited to 20.</p>	Nov 27 - Dec 4th	<p>MACLEOD CENTRE CLOSED</p>
<p>WINTER QUIET WEEK: Walking towards the dawn, with Kathy Galloway, Leader of the Iona Community. Sat - Sat (7 nights). £238 (£250 with levy) Single rooms an option for all - numbers limited to 20.</p>	Dec 6 - 13th	<p>MACLEOD CENTRE CLOSED</p>
<p>ABBEY CLOSED</p>	Dec 14 - 19th	<p>MACLEOD CENTRE CLOSED</p>
<p># CHRISTMAS HOUSEPARTY: Looking for something as an alternative to 'Consumer-mass' or 'Winterval'? Come and celebrate God with us in Community. Worship, workshops, music and surprises. Families and individuals welcome. Sat - Sat (7 nights).</p>	Dec 20 - 27th	<p>MACLEOD CENTRE CLOSED</p>

BOOKING INFORMATION - We can only accept your booking if you plan to arrive at the start of the programme

ACCOMMODATION - all board charges include VAT at 17.5%

ABBHEY #Please note there is an additional £10-per-adult Conference Fee for every themed week in the Abbey thus marked (#).

Charges:	per 6 or 7 nights	3 nights: <u>25-28 March 08</u>	Easter 9 nights <u>15-24 March 08</u>
Adult	£238 (£248#)	£143	£306
Adult + Levy @ £2/day*	£250* (£260#)	£149	£324
Full Time Student or Young Person 16-21	£124	£74	£159
Youth (12-15)	£118	£70	£151
Child (5-11)	£101	£61	£130
Child (0-4)	£ 31	£18	£ 39
Low Income Rate **	£124	£74	£159

MACLEOD CENTRE

Charges:	per 6 nights	2 nights <u>3-4 May+</u> <u>13-14 Sept</u>	3 nights <u>15-18 March</u>	4 nights <u>5-9 May</u>	5 nights <u>19-24 March</u>	Easter 9 nights <u>15-24 March</u>
Adult	£220	£88	£132	£176	220.00	£283
Adult + Levy @ £2/day*	£232*	£92	£138	£184	232.00*	£301
Full Time Student or Young Person 16-21	£110	£44	£66	£88	110.00	£142
Youth (12-15)	£104	£42	£63	£83	104.00	£134
Child (5-11)	£88	£35	£53	£70	88.00	£113
Child (0-4)	£28	£11	£17	£22	28.00	£35
Low Income Rate **	£110	£44	£66	£88	110.00	£142

* The 'Levy' is an *optional* way of contributing to the 'Islands Access Fund' which subsidises those on low incomes to come to the Centres.

**for UK residents only - apply to the Bookings Office

CAMAS CENTRE

Camas is a remote and beautiful centre beside the sea, a mile over the moors from the nearest road. Housed in recently renovated 19th Century cottages, with its own organic garden, it operates on principles of community, simplicity and environmental sustainability

Group Bookings:

From May to October, the majority of weeks are available for group bookings, where the programme is tailored to meet the needs of the group(s) and could include outdoor activities, gardening and environmental projects, art and crafts and a trip to Iona. Guests arrive Saturday, stay 6 nights, depart Friday morning. Minimum group rate £2,050: this includes up to 10 people. Significant discounts available for larger groups.

Individual Bookings:

Work Weeks: A week of physical work, laughter, conversation and evenings spent relaxing around the fire. Come and help us to prepare the centre for the new season (**15-21 March**) or to close it down for winter (**25-31 October**). Offered at the reduced rate of **£75 ppp 6-night week, £15 per night**

Community Kids' Week: 2-8 August A week reserved for the children (and grandchildren) of Iona Community Members. Limited to kids aged from 10-17. Costs £175 per child.

Themed weeks: Individuals: £205.00 per person for themed weeks (low income rate £102.50 available for UK residents)

21-27 June: Reading the Big Book

The Celts spoke of two books in which it was possible to discover or 'read' God. The little book was the Bible, the Big Book was creation. A reflective and recreational programme reading in the season of long daylight, spectacular sunsets, growth and fruitfulness. Led by Kathy Galloway, Leader of the Iona Community.

20-26 September: Reading the Big Book

(as above) reading in the season of transition and change, of darkness, starlight and peat fires.

27 September - 3 October: Telling Tales (or Stories Around the Fire...)

A week of storytelling: come to hear and share stories from Mull, Iona and further afield. Led by Jan Sutch Pickard (member of both the Iona Community and the Scottish Storytelling Network) and friends.

4-10 October: Raising Voices and Beating Drums

A week of making and sharing music! A participatory programme for people of all musical interests and abilities.

For all enquiries, please contact the Camas Administrator, tel: 01681 700404, or abbey.bookings@iona.org.uk

Outwith the main season, Camas may be available to groups on a self-catering basis. Please contact the Camas Co-ordinator (camas@iona.org.uk) for further details.