

The Diocese of Monmouth

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Iona

Led by Ven. Richard Pain

26th to 31st May 2012



Iona is a small island in the Inner Hebrides, off the western coast of Scotland. For centuries it has been a centre for pilgrimage and is renowned for its tranquillity and natural beauty. Today it is the spiritual home of the Iona Community.

Our base for the 5 nights on the Island will be the Bishop's House (www.Island-retreats.org), which is the Church Of Scotland's retreat centre on the island. The house has 13 comfortable bedrooms offering a range of single and twin accommodation, with shared bathroom facilities. Meals will be taken on a full-board basis with the option of a packed lunch for those who may wish to explore further afield or engage in some 'island hopping'!

The pilgrimage will include ample leisure time for individuals to enjoy the tranquillity of this holy place and to explore the island (and beyond). We will meet together daily to share meals and there will be a twice-daily time of worship in which Archdeacon Richard will deliver his meditations. There will also be the opportunity to join with the Iona community in the Abbey church if you wish.

The cost for the 5 night's accommodation is £330 fully inclusive. A limited number of single rooms are available on a first come basis. Travel costs are not included in this price as some may wish to travel independently and include this as part of a longer visit to Scotland. Various travel combinations are available including car, train and air. The final part of the journey to the Island of Iona will be taken by ferry. We are able to advise on travel options

and put individuals in touch with each other if you wish to travel from the Diocese with others.

The number of places is limited and single rooms will be allocated on a first come basis. A non-refundable deposit of £165 will be required to secure a booking. Individuals are strongly advised to take out/ ensure they have the necessary holiday/ cancellation insurance.

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