



#### **Just 4 places left on the Salisbury Diocese Pilgrimage to Iona**

If you have ever wanted to go to the beautiful and holy island of Iona on a pilgrimage, then this is your chance, but you need to be quick.

There are just 4 places left for the Pilgrimage which will take place between 30th September 2020 and 7th October 2020 and will be led by Bishop Karen and the Revd Louise Ellis.

Iona is a tiny and beautiful island off the southwest coast of Mull in the Inner Hebrides, just 1.5 miles wide by 3 miles long. Often referred to as the cradle of Christianity in Scotland, in 563AD the Irish monk Columba established a monastic settlement that evangelised large parts of Scotland and the north of England and became an important centre of European Christianity.

In the Middle Ages it became the site of a Benedictine abbey, and over the centuries it has attracted many thousands of people on their own pilgrim journeys.

Today Iona Abbey is home to the Iona Community, founded in Glasgow and Iona in 1938 by George MacLeod, minister, visionary and prophetic witness for peace, in the context of the poverty and despair of the Depression. Macleod took unemployed skilled craftsmen and young trainee clergy to Iona to rebuild both the monastic quarters of the mediaeval abbey and the common life by working and living together, sharing skills and effort as well as joys and achievement.

That original task became a sign of hopeful rebuilding of community in Scotland and beyond. The experience shaped – and continues to shape – the practice and principles of the Iona Community.

Alongside the daily pattern of Iona Abbey prayer, the Diocesan Pilgrimage leaders will offer an optional programme of led sessions, talks and reflections, a pilgrimage around the Island and weather permitting a boat trip to nearby Staffa. Pilgrims will attend the daily services at Iona Abbey. There will also be an opportunity for personal time where pilgrims can go for a walk, have time for quiet reflection, or visit the Island's historical sites.

The price per person per night staying in the Island's St Columba hotel ranges from £96 to £129 depending on room type at the local hotel and this includes a cooked breakfast and a 3-course evening meal. You will also need to factor in the cost of return travel to Glasgow and overnight stays there.

Please note, Clergy may use their CMD money towards the cost.

A deposit of £150 will be required.

To reserve a place please email the Revd Louise Ellis on [Vicar.lilliput@gmail.com](mailto:Vicar.lilliput@gmail.com).

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