

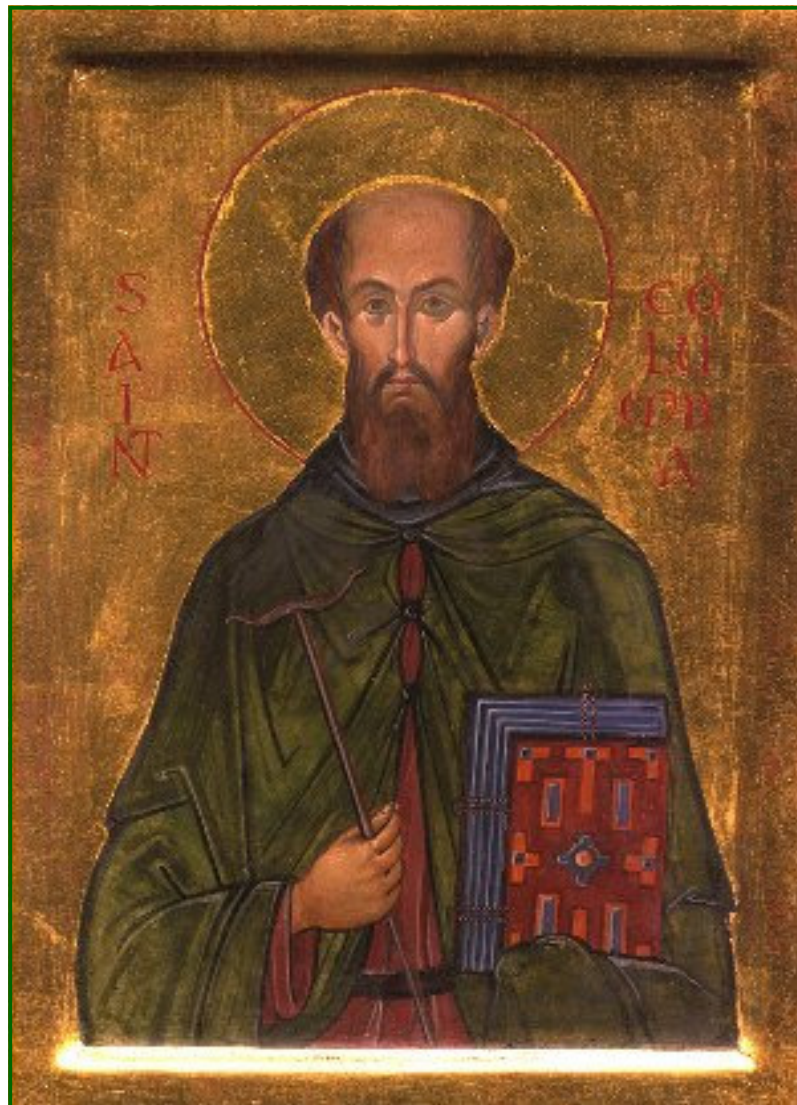
Retreat to Iona

Pilgrimage, Reflection & Prayer

Led by

The Ven. Bob Fitzharris
- Archdeacon Emeritus of Doncaster -

29th June - 3rd July, 2015



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Retreat Pilgrimage to Iona

Led by The Venerable Bob Fitzharris, an experienced leader of both pilgrimages and retreats, this is a chance to experience a special break on the beautiful island of St Columba where Christianity took root

Day 1 - Monday 29th June **Starting our Pilgrimage**

Pilgrims make their own way to Glasgow on the west coast of Scotland where we gather in the lobby of our hotel at 6:30pm, just in time for our first dinner together. *(Getting to Glasgow - please see note on back cover).*

Day 2 - Tuesday 30th June **Glasgow to Iona**

This morning, after an early breakfast, we board our train for the beautiful journey from Glasgow to Oban via the banks of Loch Lomond. On arrival in Oban we will board a ferry to take us to the Isle of Mull. From here a stunning coach ride across this beautiful island brings us to the ferry port of Fionnphort where we will catch the Iona Ferry. On arrival on Iona we will proceed to our accommodation. After an introductory session for we have our first talk on the nature of the holy places like Iona, the "thin places of the world", where the Divine often seems very close indeed. We then enjoy dinner together.



Day 3 - Wednesday 1st July **Iona - Celtic Quiet Day**

After breakfast, Morning Prayer and Address, we will share a day of peace and reflection, with scope for informal reflection and discussion, and time to read, pray or walk. We will celebrate the Eucharist just before lunch. After Evening Prayer, we will dine together.



Day 4 - Thursday 2nd July **Iona - Iona's Saints**

After breakfast, Morning Prayer and Address, we will share a day of peace and reflection, with scope for informal reflection and discussion, and time to read, pray or walk. There will be a Eucharist before lunch. The afternoon



will be free for reflection and prayer. We will finish the day with Evening Prayer and Address followed by a farewell dinner together.



Day 5 - Friday 3rd July **Iona - Journey home**

After a very early breakfast and Morning Prayer, we travel by ferry, coach and train back to Glasgow, (arriving at around 4pm), where we bid each other farewell, refreshed in the spirit of Iona.

Please note this complex touring programme may be subject to minor local amendments

Iona

The prestige of Iona began in AD 563 when the Celtic bishop Columba and his twelve companions sailed from Ireland to found a monastery here and used it as a base from which to convert the Picts to Christianity. The monastery was attacked and burned six times by Vikings and was eventually abandoned in favour of Kells in Ireland.

Iona was occupied again in 1203 as a Benedictine monastery, but it fell into ruin during the Reformation when symbols of the Roman Catholic faith came under attack.

The oldest surviving building is St Oran's chapel (c. 1080), and the ornately carved St Martin's Cross (10th century) stands outside the cathedral.

Today Iona is a sacred place visited by thousands of pilgrims every year.

The Venerable Bob Fitzharris

is an experienced pilgrimage leader and has led Celtic pilgrimages to the North East and Scotland on many occasions. He is now Archdeacon Emeritus of



Doncaster following his retirement in 2011 after serving 10 years. Previous to that Bob served in parishes across the Diocese of Sheffield following a long and distinguished career as a dental surgeon. Bob now enjoys travel and believes that communicating with and to the Great Northern saints of the British Isles can help us with our ministry and mission in the 21st century



INCLUSIVE COST - £495

All Living the Gospel tours are carefully calculated to include all items necessary to complete your tour at the advertised price.

- ✓ **3 nights stay in a retreat house on Iona**
- ✓ **1 night stay in hotel in Glasgow**
- ✓ **Breakfast throughout**
- ✓ **Return travel by coach, train & ferry between Glasgow & Iona**
- ✓ **All lectures and visits**

The only items not included:

Optional dinner supplement (highly recommended) - £79, Single room supplement (if available) - £95, gratuities & gifts to churches - £20, lunches, travel insurance, drinks with meals, any items of a personal nature and travel to and from home and Glasgow.**

Accommodation

Three nights accommodation is of a retreat house standard with bathrooms provided close to clean and comfortable bedrooms (some en-suite rooms are available). One night in Glasgow. Accommodation is on a Bed & breakfast basis with the option of a subsidised dinner supplement., which we recommend (£79 for four dinners).

Getting to Glasgow**

Please note that advance cheap fares to Glasgow are widely available three months prior to departure and you are strongly advised to visit your local station or check on the National Rail website to purchase your ticket in good time. When booking your return travel please make sure you book it after 16:30 (4:30pm).

Booking your place

All you need do to book a place on this tour is to send a non-refundable deposit of £100 together with the completed booking form to:-

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