

Scottish Episcopal Church
**Provincial Youth
Pilgrimage to Iona**
October 2023



The Provincial Youth Pilgrimage to Iona **for those aged 12-18** will take place on Saturday 14th – Wednesday 18th October.

What is it?

A Pilgrimage is a journey to a special place with God. It is a time to deepen faith, have space away from the everyday world, and connect with the roots of our faith in our land. This is also a journey into history, walking (and driving, and ferrying) the routes pilgrims have taken for centuries.

Where is it?

The pilgrimage will involve travel to Oban, gathering at Oban Cathedral, followed by a ferry trip to the Island of Mull, a car journey across Mull, before taking the foot ferry onto the Island of Iona. Iona is tiny but has a special place in the history of Scottish Christianity. Pilgrims have travelled there since the time of St Columba, who founded Iona Abbey.

Where will we stay?

The Provincial Youth Pilgrims will stay in a retreat house on Iona (Bishop's House), which sleeps 23 in 8 twin rooms and 7 single rooms. Spaces are reserved for two pilgrims from each Diocese, the leaders, plus 4 more pilgrims, which will be offered to successful applications from any Diocese.

How much does it cost?

The cost will be £180 which covers travel from Oban, ferries, full board (meals) at the retreat house and any activities.

What if I can't afford it?

It is hoped that Pilgrims will raise this money individually and through fundraising within their church and Diocese. Cost should not be a barrier to attendance. If there are issues in raising the sum, please speak to your Youth Officer or Tembu (contacts listed below)

How do we get there?

It is the responsibility of pilgrims to get to Oban themselves, but it is intended that pilgrims will assemble at gathering locations around Scotland and travel together where that can be arranged.

I'm interested! How do I apply?

To apply please follow this link to a Google form. Closing date 11 August.

<https://forms.gle/9CPJvqYGejTT35eQ7>

Please be aware that places are limited! Pilgrims will be chosen and notified in the week following the 11 August.

Questions? Get in touch with Tembu at: rector@trinityelgin.org

If you want to get in touch with your youth officer these are their contact details. If there is not a youth officer named for your diocese below, please contact the Provincial Youth Coordinator, Claire Benton-Evans:

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- Aberdeen
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- Glasgow – Rev Canon Audrey O'Brien Stewart
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