



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

The Provincial Youth Pilgrimage to Iona **for those aged 18-25(+)** will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Who is it for?**

18-25 year-old Scottish Episcopalians who would like some time and space away from the everyday world, to connect with God and the roots of our faith in our land. We will happily take applications from young people from our church who are over 25, but priority will be given to those aged 18-25 should there be insufficient spaces. It is understood that you may not have confirmed dates for your courses or holidays yet, but we would prefer you to apply now anyway to gauge interest rather than holding off because you feel you cannot say 100%.

**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 7 more pilgrims, which will be offered to successful applications from any Diocese.

**How much does it cost?**

The cost will be £135 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/XF5qb5reU9KyExL79>

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](mailto: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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- Argyll and the Isles
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