

The College of The Holy Spirit at The Cathedral of The Isles



Millport, Isle of Cumbrae

**Information for Groups
2016**

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Welcome

Thank you for your enquiry in respect of bringing a group to The College of The Holy Spirit in 2016. We hope the information here is of help to you.

The College is a combination of a Visit Scotland 3 Star Guest House and a Christian Retreat House. It is located next to Britain's smallest cathedral, the Cathedral of The Isles. Both were built at the same time in 1851 by the architect William Butterfield. The College was originally built for students of theology in the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The aim of The College of The Holy Spirit (with the Cathedral) is to create a centre for spiritual development and artistic expression for individuals and groups, and hospitality for guests and for the local community on the Isle of Cumbrae.

You will find everything you need in order to confirm your booking in this pack. Please read it carefully and return the following to us:

- Booking Sheet with deposit, as soon as possible
- Room allocation sheet with special requirements, and final balance, at least 6 weeks before arrival

Thank you, we look forward to welcoming you.



Facilities

The College has two main buildings as well as the Cathedral and is set in eight acres of grounds including lawns and woodland. It has sixteen bedrooms, a mixture of single, double and twin.

The **South College** houses two reception rooms - the Library and the Common Room. These are both comfortably furnished with easy chairs and a number of upright cushioned chairs. The South College also houses the Refectory and five standard bedrooms.

The **North College** has eleven bedrooms - five of which are on en suite - and a Common Room. One of the ground floor bedrooms has a separate bathroom equipped for the less able. In order to keep our costs low we have to maximize use of the buildings and there may be another group or individual guests visiting at the same time. If you would like exclusive use of the North College or of both colleges please discuss this with us so that you can book the accommodation you need. Those who book exclusive use of the North College also have exclusive use of its Common Room.

The Cathedral

We welcome groups to join us in our services or to organise their own, in consultation with the Warden. The Cathedral has its own liturgical life as well as having a strong musical tradition. On Sundays there is a Eucharist at 11a.m. Morning Prayer is said at 8.30.a.m and Evening Prayer at 5.45p.m. In the summer there is a Concert at 3pm every Sunday. Our Director of Music, Alastair Chisholm, is pleased to help groups in any way when he is available. In order to plan your programme, please liaise with the Warden who is always willing to help and to accommodate your needs as far as possible.

Community Art Studio

New for 2016 is a community art studio, which has been developed by Millport Art group. It is located in the west end of the college annexe and is available for the use of groups by arrangement with the warden. It is sometimes possible to organise workshops for the studio or your group. Please ask for information.

Equipment

There is a television, CD player, DVD player, video player, PowerPoint projector, overhead projector and screen, flip chart, grand piano and wireless internet connection in the South College. There is further television and upright piano in the North College Common Room.



South College Library, with open fire

History

The Cathedral and College owe their existence to the vision of their patron and founder, the Hon. GF Boyle, later 6th Earl of Glasgow. The College buildings and Cathedral date from 1851 and were designed by the renowned Victorian architect William Butterfield, whose other works include Keble College Oxford, All Saints Margaret Street, London and Melbourne Cathedral.

The Cathedral is the smallest in Britain, seating only 70 people. Despite its size, it is an architectural gem. Beautifully proportioned on the outside, its interior contains fine examples of brightly coloured tiles and richly-coloured stained glass windows which are hallmarks of Butterfield's design. The chancel ceiling depicts the variety of wild flowers found on the island.

Today the Cathedral is the place of worship for the local Episcopal congregation, and retains its status as one of the two Cathedrals of the United Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Cathedral of St John the Divine in Oban being the principal Cathedral of the Diocese. There is a rich tradition of sacred and classical music, and choirs and groups come from near and far to sing and perform in the Cathedral.



Cumbræ

For stunning views and peaceful settings the Isle of Cumbræ is second to none. It is a paradise for those who enjoy nature – over 120 species of birds, seals in the bay, porpoises off the shore, polecats, slow worms and rare orchids can be seen throughout the year. It's the perfect place to forget about the pressures of life, relax, enjoy the views and just unwind.

With its safe beaches and open spaces, Millport is an attraction for kids of all ages. There are rock pools to explore, indoor and outdoor amusements, toy shops, bikes to hire from three bike hire shops and cafes for food and refreshments. There are two museums – the Museum of the Cumbræes in Garrison House and the Robertson Museum at the Marine Research Station which also houses a fascinating aquarium and exhibition.

Hire a bike on the island or bring one with you, the Island is a biker's paradise. Take the circular route around the shore and it is almost all flat and just over ten miles. Stop off for refreshments at Fintry Bay or the National Sailing School on the way round or cycle up to the highest point which is 417 feet.

Canoeists, sailors and wind surfers all make use of the great variety of water space around Cumbræ. Scotland's National Watersports Centre is based on the Island and it offers a wide variety of courses by the day or week and has a Gym for public use. There is an excellent 18 hole golf course and a very fine Bowling Club within the town and both welcome day visitors. There are trails to follow, beaches to explore, hills to climb, wildlife to observe and marvellous views to enjoy. Sea fishing is excellent from the shore on Cumbræ and fly fishing is available in two well stocked lochs.

The town of Millport retains much of the charm of the heyday of seaside resorts in the Victorian era and the view from the prom and nothing short of stunning.

Getting here

The Isle of Cumbrae is easily reached from Largs by making a short 10-minute ferry trip. There are excellent transport connections to Largs from Glasgow and its environs.

By road, bus, rail and air to Largs

Largs is around an hour by road, rail, car or bus from Glasgow city centre, Glasgow International and Glasgow Prestwick airports.

By road

From Glasgow city centre, take the M8 eastbound (Greenock). After Paisley and Glasgow International airport, exit at J27 onto the A737 Kilwinning. At the Lochwinnoch roundabout turn right onto the A760 to Kilbirnie. Turn right at Kilbirnie Radio City/Tesco roundabout and continue on the A760. Turn right at the traffic lights at the entrance to Largs onto the A78, following the signs to the Cumbrae ferry (Pier Postcode KA30 8BG).

By bus

The First Bus 'Clyde Coaster (901)' and McGills 'Glasgow 901' bus both leave Glasgow Buchanan Bus station to Largs via Greenock every half-hour. Scottish Citylink website – www.citylink.co.uk.

By rail

There is an hourly service to Largs departing to and from Glasgow Central station - www.rail.co.uk or telephone 0871 244 1545

By air

There is no direct rail service from Glasgow International to Largs. Rail users should change at Paisley Central and use the 10-minute bus connection. Rail tickets include the cost of the bus transfer if requested to Glasgow International. There are 3 direct bus services a day to and from the airport. Otherwise bus users should take a bus to Greenock, and then take a McGills or FirstBus service from Greenock to Largs.

Glasgow Prestwick is served by an hourly service to Largs (Stagecoach 585 'Clyde Coaster'), and an hourly rail service (change at Kilwinning). Rail users travel half price to anywhere in Scotland from Prestwick Airport on production of a relevant boarding pass.



From Largs to Millport, Isle of Cumbrae

Take the 10-minute Caledonian MacBrayne ferry crossing from Largs Pier (Postcode KA30 8BG) to Cumbrae Slip by car or foot. The first ferry departs Largs at 0645 Monday to Saturday, 0915 Sunday. Half-hourly. The last ferry is 2015. [The first ferry departs Cumbrae Slip at 0700 Monday to Saturday, 0930 Sunday. Half-hourly. The last ferry is 2030.] There are 2 additional evening services on Fridays during the summer (BST only, bookable). For more information on ferry times, see www.calmac.co.uk – telephone 01475 650100

Then by bus

There is a connecting bus for the short journey to Millport, scheduled to coincide with ferry times. Ask for 'The Cathedral' and alight at College Street. The Cathedral entrance is on College Street. (This entrance is for those arriving by foot only.) Alternatively, ask to be put off at Mount Stuart Street and follow the signs to the Cathedral. This avoids the steps and is easier for those pulling a case.

Or by car

Keep going beyond the Cathedral gates on College Street and there is a concealed entrance in the wall on the right a short way up.

Or by taxi

To be met at the ferry by taxi telephone 01475 530666.

Tarrif 2016

Rates for groups of 10 or more in the Season 2016:

Full Board £62.50 per person per night (Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)

Half Board £55.50 per person per night (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)

Bed and Breakfast £38.00 per person per night,

Dinner £17.50,

Lunch £7.00

Children aged 5-14 pay half price, Children under 5 are free

Rates for groups of fewer than 10 in the Season 2016:

Full Board £67.50 per person per night (Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)

Half Board £60.50 per person per night (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)

Bed and Breakfast £43.00 per person per night,

Dinner £17.50,

Lunch £7.00

Children aged 5-14 pay half price, Children under 5 are free



Room Details

Our usual practice is for groups to allocate people to their rooms. Please use the information here to help you plan who will go where and complete and return the room allocation as soon as you are able and ideally at least 6 weeks prior to your stay. Thank you.

	Room Type	Facilities	Information
SOUTH COLLEGE			
<i>This is the main building, with refectory, common room and library. It connects to the cathedral. All rooms have shared bathrooms and are on the first floor.</i>			
St Serf	Twin		
St Mungo	Double		
St Patrick	Double + Single		<i>Room for folding bed</i>
St Ninian	Twin		
St Adamnan	Twin		
NORTH COLLEGE			
<i>This is a separate building with a mix on en-suite and shared bathrooms. Faith, Hope and Charity are ground floor rooms, the remainder are on the first floor. There is a common room on the ground floor. Charity is off the common room; it is often used by the leader when a group books for a led retreat.</i>			
Faith	Double + 2 Singles	<i>En-Suite Shower</i>	<i>Ground Floor</i>
Hope	Twin	<i>Accessible Bathroom opposite</i>	<i>Ground Floor Suitable for Disabled Guests</i>
Charity	Double	<i>En-Suite Bath</i>	<i>Ground Floor</i>
Fortitude	Double	<i>En-Suite Shower</i>	<i>Room for folding bed</i>
Joy	Single		
Gentleness	Single		<i>Room for folding bed</i>
Faithfulness	Single		
Peace	Double	<i>En-Suite Shower</i>	
Patience	Single		
Goodness	Double		
Kindness	Twin	<i>En-Suite Bath</i>	

THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - GROUP BOOKING FORM 2016

GROUP NAME.....

CONTACT NAME

ADDRESS

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..... POSTCODE

TELEPHONE / MOBILE

EMAIL

ARRIVAL DATE & TIME

DEPARTURE DATE & TIME

NUMBER ADULTS CHILDREN

ROOMS REQUIRED – STANDARD EN-SUITE

FULL BOARD / HALF BOARD / BED AND BREAKFAST*

*Please delete as appropriate

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR GROUP REQUIREMENTS:

SILENCE

FLIPCHART PAPER

USE OF CATHEDRAL

OVERHEAD PROJECTOR & SCREEN

USE OF LIBRARY/Common room

UPRIGHT PIANO

POWERPOINT PROJECTOR AND SCREEN (Bring your own laptop)

TELEVISION

FLIPCHART AND PENS

DVD PLAYER

CANCELLATION POLICY

A non-refundable deposit of £300.00 is required to confirm your booking. Cheques should be payable to Island Retreats Ltd.

BACS payments may be made to account number : 10695063 Sort Code : 80 22 60

Final group numbers and full payment will be required no later than 6 weeks before arrival.

After full payment is received, whole group or individual cancellation within 6 weeks of the booked dates will receive a 50% refund.

(Groups should consider arranging their own cancellation insurance.)

I CONFIRM THE RESERVATION FOR THE ABOVE NUMBER OF ROOMS

SIGNED..... DATE.....

THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - ROOM ALLOCATION

Room	Type	Name	Special Requirements
St Serf	Twin		
St Mungo	Double		
St Patrick	Double & single		
St Ninian	Twin		
St Adamnan	Twin		
Faith	Double & 2 singles		
Hope	Twin		
Charity	Double		
Fortitude	Double		
Joy	Single		
Gentleness	Single		
Faithfulness	Single		
Peace	Double		
Patience	Single		
Goodness	Double		
Kindness	Twin		