

# COLUMBA FEST

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June 2022

# GLASGOW

'WAYS & MEAN(ING)S'



# Intro

Welcome to ColumbaFest 2022!

ColumbaFest is a festival held on the anniversary of the death of St Columba, the holy man who came from Ireland to settle on the island of Iona and, in time, established the religious settlement there.

Columba christianised Scotland; and the mission work of his followers spread out from there to reach parts of central and southern Europe.

The festival explores themes from Columba’s life, such as learning, mission, exile, prayer, spirituality and political engagement, this year with a particular emphasis on sharing our faith, through the theme: ‘Ways & Mean(ing)s’.

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# Programme

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June

4pm-5.30pm  
@ Glasgow University Chapel and online

### IONA COMMUNITY LECTURE 2022

*“These Stones Will Shout Aloud: gathering global voices on themes of climate justice, hospitality, faith and the integration of the whole of life.”*

We are delighted to be joined for this inaugural Iona Community Lecture by **Alison Phipps**, UNESCO Chair in Refugee Integration through Language and the Arts, and the RILA team of **Tawona Sitholé, Gameli Tordzro, Naa Densua Tordzro, Hyab Yohannes** and **Hannah Thomas**.

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# Programme

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June

10.30am-6pm  
@ Govan & Linthouse Church

### COLUMBAFEST in-person day

**10.30 Gathering** with coffee

**11.15 Wee Sing**  
*led by Iain McLarty*

**12.00 Faith Journeys**  
*with Bryan Evans & Christian MacLean*

**12.45 Lunch**

**13.30 Pilgrimage options**  
**Govan Walk**  
*led by Kathy Galloway*  
**Making Meaning**  
*with Anna Fisk*  
**Govan Stones Trail**

**15.00 Tea & scones**

**15.30 Considering Mission**  
*with*  
**John Harvey**  
**Ruth Harvey**  
**William Gibson**  
**Zee Anderson**  
**Sarah Hobbs**  
**Rachel Weiss**

**17.00 Closing Liturgy**  
*led by members of the ColumbaFest Steering Group*

*Full details on the following pages*

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## FRIDAY 10th June

4pm-5.30pm

@ Glasgow University Chapel and online

### IONA COMMUNITY LECTURE 2022

Through this annual lecture the Iona Community brings to public notice the voices of people from across the globe who connect faith with action. This reflects our conviction that 'the radical, inclusive community we seek must be embodied in the community we practice.'

**Alison Phipps** is a Member of the Iona Community, Professor of Languages and Intercultural Studies, and UNESCO Chair in Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts (RILA) at the University of Glasgow. Alison works closely with colleagues from the global south regularly bringing a multitude of voices together on issues of key concern and weaving in the arts in all ways, weaving theological and spiritual threads through the programme.

Of the UNESCO chair Alison says: 'We hold the bowl of tears and expand the space for joy'. For her this is a deeply theological offering, inviting grief, loss, praise, lamentation, hospitality, fostership (what happens beyond hospitality), life-in-its-fullness.

This event is free of charge. You may, however, like to make a donation to the **Iona Community** and/or to the **Scottish Refugee Council**.

There are two ways to join in with this event: 1) Join our live-stream  
2) Join us in-person at Glasgow University Chapel.

for registration links:

[iona.org.uk](http://iona.org.uk) [Iona Community Lecture 2022](#)

## SATURDAY 11th June

10.30am-6pm

@ Govan & Linthouse Church

### COLUMBAFEST in-person day

**10.30 GATHERING** with coffee

**11.15 WEE SING** led by *Iain McLarty*



Iain is a conductor, church musician and worship creative. He is also a political activist, climate campaigner and a member of the evil cycling lobby. He directed the latest album from the Wild Goose Collective (This is God's World).

**12.00**

**FAITH JOURNEYS** – sharing stories with *Christian MacLean*



Christian lives on the Black Isle and loves wild places, singing and sharing food with friends. Current activities include setting up a Repair Cafe and working with local refugees. A Community member, she's a former Mac Warden and Co-Leader.

**FAITH JOURNEYS** – sharing stories with **Bryan Evans**



Bryan is interested in people, and being part of organisations with a sense of purpose to change our world is what drives him. He also loves reading, music, Liverpool FC, his family and friends and running (not in that order!).

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**12.45 LUNCH**

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**13.30 PILGRIMAGE options**

**Govan Pilgrimage with Kathy Galloway**

Govan is a community of deep significance in the history of Glasgow, and of the Iona Community. A religious site as old as Iona, and a centre of political and industrial activism, the walk will visit a few of the important sites in Govan’s history.



Kathy is a writer, editor and activist. She lives in Glasgow, is a city gardener and a member of the Iona Community.

• **Making Meaning with Anna Fisk**

- Anna will share from her own experience
- and theological research on fibre crafts as ways of making meaning and marking the sacred throughout our lives. From deepening relations with the natural world through dyeing with plants, to knitted shawls as grief rituals, and protesting with giant woolly banners, this session will be a chance to think together about how making things by hand communicates and celebrates the things that are most important to us. *Please bring along any of your own crafted objects or works in progress that you would like to share reflections on.*



- Anna is a feminist theologian and climate justice activist, as well as a knitter, spinner, dyer and needle-felter. A recovering academic, she has researched and written on the spirituality of women’s creative work, and the characteristics of a healthy and prophetic activism. [annafisk.com](http://annafisk.com)

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■ **The Govan Stones**

- Visit **Govan Old Church**, follow the **Govan Stones Trail** and discover the unique collection of early medieval stones carved in the 9th–11th centuries to commemorate the power of those who ruled the Kingdom of Strathclyde, at a time when Govan was the seat of kings, and pilgrims prayed at the tombs of saints.

15.00 TEA & scones

15.30 CONSIDERING MISSION

Three generations consider the question: 'What did/does mission mean to you in your 20s?'

John Harvey



John is a retired Church of Scotland minister, a former Warden of Iona Abbey and a former Leader of the Iona Community. He lives in Glasgow with his wife Molly. They have four children and seven grandchildren, and have both had Covid.

Ruth Harvey



- Ruth is Leader of the Iona Community, a Church of Scotland minister and a Quaker, and volunteers with Place for Hope in faith-based conflict transformation as a Practitioner/ Mediator. She lives in Cumbria, and enjoys paddling canoe with her family.

William Gibson



- William is 26 and a Theology and Religious Studies student at the University of Glasgow. He hosts a podcast called 'The Space Between' discussing faith and politics and is an Associate member of the Iona Community.

16.00 PANEL & GROUP DISCUSSION

'What do you think mission should be in 2022 and beyond?'

Following group discussion, the panel will respond to questions from the floor.





**PANEL**

**Sarah Hobbs**



Sarah co-Chairs the Open Table Network, a growing partnership of communities affirming LGBTQIA+ people, and is a Trustee of Fareshare Yorkshire, a charity fighting hunger and food poverty. She is a school governor and leads an HR consultancy.

**Zee Anderson**



Zee is a member of the Iona Community's Young Adult Group, and they are currently studying Theology and Religious Studies and English Language and Linguistics at the University of Glasgow.

**Rachel Weiss**



Rachel is an Associate Member of the Iona Community, based in Perth, and a sceptical Catholic. She works as a counsellor and coach at [www.rowan-consultancy.co.uk](http://www.rowan-consultancy.co.uk) and volunteers with the Menopause Cafe charity, currently preparing for #FlushFest22, a live, online Menopause Festival on June 17 & 18, [www.menopausecafe.net](http://www.menopausecafe.net).

**William Gibson** will join the PANEL.

**17.00 CLOSING LITURGY**

*led by members of the ColumbaFest Steering Group*



## Activities & Bookstall

### Audio Visuals

Various audio visuals will be shown as we gather from 10.30am, giving opportunities for reflection, nostalgia and challenge! Viewed at your own time of choosing.

### Lunchtime Crafts

If you would like to learn how to do origami, **Catriona McArthur** will demonstrate how to make origami peace cranes and frogs. Come and have a go!

### Throughout the day

#### The Wee Wild Goose Shop

with a selection of resources, including giveaways for all ColumbaFest participants!

#### 'An Untold Story'

Discover what's behind the Govan & Linthouse hand-painted windows.



## Photography

We will be taking photographs to use for publicising and sharing news of the event.

If you'd prefer not to be photographed, please let a member of the ColumbaFest team know.

## Venues & Directions

### Glasgow University Chapel

West Quadrangle, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ [Directions to Chapel](#)

### Govan & Linthouse Parish Church

796 Govan Road, Glasgow, G51 2YL

**Rail:** From Glasgow Queen Street or Central Station, take the Underground from Buchanan St.

**Underground:** the church at Govan Cross is just over the road from Govan Subway, only 10 mins from City Centre.

**Bike:** National Cycle Network, Route 7 (cross the river at Bells Bridge)

**Bus:** numbers 23, 34, 49, 90, 121 and 189 pass through central Govan.

**Car:** Govan is accessible by car from the M8, M74 and M77. From the West End you will arrive through the Clyde Tunnel, or from the city centre via the Squinty Bridge.

## Accessibility

### @ Govan & Linthouse

Disabled access – ramp to Sanctuary, where ColumbaFest sessions are held.

Toilets – accessible toilet on lower level. Additional toilets on first floor up stairs via entrance vestibule.

## Acknowledgements

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And of course, all our wonderful Contributors!

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