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## **THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT at THE CATHEDRAL OF THE ISLES**

Thank you for your enquiry in respect of bringing a group to The College of The Holy Spirit in 2012. I 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.

We are currently holding your reservation on a provisional basis. To confirm the booking, please complete the attached booking form and return it to this office as soon as possible, along with your deposit.

Rates for groups of 10 or more in the Season 2012:

Full Board £58.00 per person per night (Lunch, Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)

Half Board £52.50 per person per night (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)

Bed and Breakfast £36.50 per person per night

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

Also included is a guest list on which you can advise us of room or dietary requirements. If it is not possible to return this sheet immediately, please let us have it well in advance of your stay.

We look forward to welcoming you to the College. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable.

David W. S. Todd  
Warden  
July 2011

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# THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## Use of Buildings

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.

## Catering

We can offer a choice of continental or cooked breakfast, depending on your preference.

A light lunch will be left for you in the Refectory, or if preferred, a packed lunch can be prepared.

Dinner will always include a vegetarian option.

Special diets will be catered for wherever possible. Please mark special diets clearly on the enclosed Guest List.

Breakfast is at 9.00am, Lunch at 12.30pm, and Dinner at 6.30pm (or 7.00pm on the first night by arrangement).

## Equipment and facilities.

There is a television, CD player, DVD player, video player, PowerPoint projector, overhead projector and screen, flip chart, upright piano and wireless internet connection in the Library in the South College. There is further television and upright piano in the North College 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 our office staff who are always willing to help and to accommodate your needs as far as possible.

## **History**

The Cathedral and College owe their existence to the vision of their patron and founder, the Hon. GF Boyle, later 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **The Isle of Cumbrae**

For stunning views and peaceful settings the Isle of Cumbrae 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 Cumbraes 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 Cumbrae. 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 Cumbrae 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.

## **How to get to The College of The Holy Spirit**

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](http://www.citylink.co.uk).

#### **By rail**

There is an hourly service to Largs departing to and from Glasgow Central station - [www.rail.co.uk](http://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](http://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 675421, 01475 530666 or 01475 530700.

## THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - ROOM DETAILS

ROOM	Room Type	Facilities	Information
<b><u>SOUTH COLLEGE</u></b>			
St Serf	Twin		
St Mungo	Double		
St Patrick	Double + Single		Room for folding bed
St Ninian	Twin		
St Adamnan	Twin		
<b><u>NORTH COLLEGE</u></b>			
Faith	Double + 2 Singles	En-Suite Shower	Ground Floor
Hope	Twin	Accessible Bathroom opposite	Ground Floor Suitable for Disabled Guests
Charity	Double	En-Suite Bath	Ground Floor
Fortitude	Double	En-Suite Shower	Room for folding bed
Joy	Single		
Gentleness	Single		Room for folding bed
Faithfulness	Single		
Peace	Double	En-Suite Shower	
Patience	Single		
Goodness	Double		
Kindness	Twin	En-Suite Bath	

## THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - GROUP BOOKING FORM 2011

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> USE OF CATHEDRAL   | <input type="checkbox"/> OVERHEAD PROJECTOR & SCREEN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> USE OF LIBRARY/Common ROOM                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UPRIGHT PIANO               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POWERPOINT PROJECTOR AND<br>SCREEN (Bring your own laptop) | <input type="checkbox"/> TELEVISION                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLIPCHART AND PENS   | <input type="checkbox"/> DVD PLAYER                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLIPCHART PAPER (£6.00)                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> CD PLAYER                   |

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- A non-refundable deposit of £300.00 is required to confirm your booking. Cheques should be payable to Island Retreats Ltd.
- Final group numbers and full payment will be required no later than 6 weeks before arrival.
- After full payment is received, whole group cancellation within 6 weeks of the booked dates will receive a 50% refund.
- After full payment is received, cancellation of individuals within the group will receive a 50% refund.

Groups should consider arranging their own cancellation insurance.

I CONFIRM THE RESERVATION FOR THE ABOVE NUMBER OF ROOMS AND ENCLOSE THE DEPOSIT.

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

## THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – ROOM ALLOCATION FORM

ROOM	TYPE	NAME(S) and SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
ST SERF	T	
ST MUNGO	D	
ST PATRICK	D+S	
ST NINIAN	T	
ST ADAMNAN	T	
FAITH	D+2S E-S	
HOPE	T	
CHARITY	D E-S	
FORTITUDE	D E-S	
JOY	S	
GENTLENESS	S	
FAITHFULNESS	S	
PEACE	D E-S	
PATIENCE	S	
GOODNESS	D	
KINDNESS	T E-S	

**THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – ROOM ALLOCATION FORM  
[FOR COLLEGE TO ALLOCATE ROOMS]**

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