#### **INTRODUCTION**

I'm delighted to commend our Retreats Handbook.

I've been finding the practice of making an annual retreat ever more necessary in my own ministry. For me, it is a valuable counter-balance to the tendency to become very 'task-centred'. I value space and time to reflect on the wider and deeper aspects of ministry. I need time to visit again the roots of my vocation and my faith commitment.

I hope that you will find the information in the Handbook helpful. If you go on retreat, I hope that you will find it an enriching and fulfilling experience.

Most Rev David Chillingworth Primus

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#### The Abbey (Ecumenical) Isle of Iona Argyll PA76 6SN

#### Tel 01681 700404 Email ionacomm@iona.org.uk Website www.iona.org.uk

Accommodation: 3 Single rooms

17 Shared rooms

Total - 45

Transport: Ferry - Oban/Craignure, bus to Fionnphort, ferry to Iona.

Booking Form in centre of programme. Booking:

Programmes available from the Abbey

**Advance Booking:** Always

20011 prices: 6 night week £318 Abbey, £297 MacLeod Centre adult rate. Low income Cost:

rate sometimes available for UK residents, plus reduced rates for children.

**Comments:** NOT a retreat centre, hotel or conference centre. We offer an experience of living in

community, and welcome those who wish to share our life of work, worship, chores, discussion and recreation. Most weeks in season guests arrive Saturday, depart 0900

Friday (6 nights). See current programme for winter/Christmas/Easter breaks.

**The Atholl Centre Atholl Road** Pitlochry PH16 5BX

Tel 01796 473044 Fax 01796 473844 Email admin@athollcentre.org.uk Website www.athollcentre.org.uk

Accommodation: 1 single, 1 double, 3 triples, 4 family rooms.

32/35 bed spaces in the main centre.

All rooms have vanity units

Trains, Citylink Coaches from Perth or Inverness to Pitlochry Transport:

Easy access by car from A9

Booking: Contact for brochure and tariff

**Advance Booking:** Necessary for groups Cost: On application

**Comments:** Group retreats welcome. Centre retreats arranged in Spring and Autumn

#### Badenoch Christian Centre Kincraig Kingussie PH21 1QD

#### Tel 01540 651373

#### Email badenoch@uk.uumail.com Website www.kincraig.com/bcc

**Accommodation**: 6 rooms with 4 beds) bunks

6 rooms with 2 beds) bunks

Maximum 36

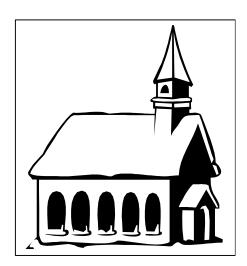
Also self catered unit for 4 - self contained

**Transport**: Train to Kingussie and Aviemore. Collection from railway station by prior arrangement.

Booking: Deposit £5 per person
Advanced Booking: Recommended
Cost: See website

Comments: Come and relax in the simple beauty of the Spey Valley and enjoy the very special

atmosphere of this warm and friendly centre.



Badarroch Retreat Croft 25 Diabaig Torridon Wester Ross IV22 2HE

Tel 01445 790257 Email <u>badarroch@btinternet.com</u> Website <u>www.badarrochretreat.co.uk</u>

**Accommodation** 2 self-catering cottages, each sleeping up to 4 people

Booking contactRev Sam WernhamCostPrices on application

**Comments** Ideal for "hermitage" style retreats

#### Benedictine Convent Benedictine Monastery 5 Mackerston Place Largs KA30 8BY Tel: 01475 687320

Website: www.tyburnconvent.org.uk

Accommodation: Small groups as well as individuals. £35 B and B.

The Bield at Blackruthven (Ecumenical)
Blackruthven House
Tibbermore
Perth PH1 1PY

Tel 01738 583238 Guests 01738 582153 Email info@bieldatblackruthven.org.uk Website www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk

Accommodation: <u>Downstairs</u> 1 twin en suite bedroom suitable for wheelchair users

<u>Upstairs</u> 3 double (1 en-suite)

5 twin (1 en suite)

1 single (can be made up to twin)

Day group facilities for up to 32 people

one large conference room (25) and one small meeting room (8)

#### **Transport**:

Situated approximately 3 miles from Perth centre off A85 Perth to Crieff road. Public transport (Crieff bus), or by taxi.

#### **Booking:**

Advance booking necessary. Phone bookings preferably Tue-Fri 9 am - 4pm. Non-refundable deposit of £25.00 per person for residential bookings, £10.00 for day bookings.

#### Cost

Residential: Full board £60.00 per 24hrs

Half board £54.00

Day Visitors: Full day (10-5) £22.00 Half Board incl lunch £48.00

One-to-one sessions (eg listening, counselling, spiritual direction): as part of a residential or day visit:

FOC; otherwise £15.00

Contributions include the use of all facilities at the Bield.

Concessions of up to 50% available in case of financial hardship.

**Comments:** 

The Bield offers a place to be and meet with yourself and God. Self-led and guided retreats are available. We are open to individuals as well as to groups. The wonderful facilities include the Carpenter's Chapel with morning and evening worship, an art and pottery workshop with a facilitator to help if required, meeting rooms, indoor heated pool, tennis court, a labyrinth in the orchard for prayer walking. 30 acres of beautiful parkland including a walled garden as well as 300 acres of organic estate farm and woodland offer plenty of scope for discovery. The food served includes as much organic produce from the garden as possible.

Leaflet and programme available.

#### Bishop's House (SEC) Isle of Iona Argyll PA76 6SJ

Tel 01681 700111 (Office)
Tel 01681 700804 (Guests)
Email iona@island-retreats.org

**Accommodation**: 3 Single rooms

10 Twin Rooms

**Transport**: Ferry from Oban, bus across Mull, ferry from Mull

**Booking**: Deposit - £40.00 per person non refundable

Advance Booking: Advisable with SAE for reply Cost: 2009 Shared Accommodation:

Dinner B & B - £50.00, Full Board - £60.00

Single room supplement - £15.00

Parochial Clergy/Religious/Student:15% discount on retreats

Other groups of over 10: may be nogotiated.

Chaplains go free

Comments: Normal opening March - October

Exclusive use:

**November - March** (when open) Clergy £850.00 Others £975.00

April - October:

Clergy £1025.00 Others £1100.00

Carberry Conference Centre Musselburgh East Lothian EH21 8PY

Tel 0131 665 3135 Email <u>mail@carberrytower.com</u> Website www.carberrytower.com

**Accommodation:** 16 en suite singles

15 en suite twins

25 standard twin/multiple

**Transport:** Frequent buses from Edinburgh/Musselburgh plus local taxi.

**Booking:** Fee - according to length of stay

**Advance Booking:** Always **Cost:** See website

Special Conference rates

Comments: Christian Education for all ages. Retreats welcome

#### Cnoc a' Chalmain (RC) Isle of Iona Argyll PA76 6SP

Tel: 01681 700369 Fax: 01681 700369 Email mail@catholic-iona.com Website www.catholic.iona.com

**Accommodation:** 3 Single rooms

2 Twin rooms

Full board includes light lunch and evening meal

No smoking

**Transport:** Ferry from Oban, bus across Mull, ferry from Mull. The house

is just five minutes walk from the ferry.

**Booking:** Phone, fax or email for available dates.

Booking form available on website.

Deposit on booking: £10.00 per person per night.

Advance Booking: Strongly recommended

Cost: Half board £55.00 per person per day.

Reduced rates available in winter.

**Comments:** Open all year, for pilgrims of all faiths. Daily services in the

Oratory, where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, and Mass

when a priest is in residence.

The Coach House Kilmuir Trust Coach House Kilmuir North Kessock Inverness IV1 1XG

#### Tel/Fax 01463 731386

Email coachhouse@kilmuir.fsbusiness.co.uk Website www.coachhousekilmuir.org

Accommodation: 1 Double room

4 Single rooms

Plus 1 single and 1 double bedded in adjacent cottage

**Transport:** Bus, train or plane to Inverness from which guests can be collected.

**Booking:** £10.00 per person **Advance Booking:** Yes please - with SAE **Cost:** Prices on allocation.

Workshops as programmed

Comments: Individual and group, private or directed retreats are welcome. Workshop programme

available on request. Open to all seekers.

#### Helpful hint - QUIET DAYS

Some people cannot get away overnight and for them quiet days can provide the opportunity they need. These can be held in a retreat centre, in a hall or in a church. The location needs to be central and easy of access. A quiet day can provide up to seven or eight hours for reflection with the same kinds of contemplative or creative input as are available for longer retreats. It may be helpful to have a short introductory session over coffee soon after arrival so that people can get to know each other, relax and perhaps voice their expectations. Leaders and organisers need to remain flexible if they are to meet the needs of the particular people who attend each event. Those participating in quiet days may need to be asked to bring food for the day if the sessions are being held in a hall or church.

# The Cathedral of the Isles with the College of the Holy Spirit (SEC) College Street, Millport Isle of Cumbrae KA28 0HE

#### Tel 01475 530353 (Office) Email cumbrae@island-retreats.org Website www.island-retreats.anglican.org

**Accommodation**: 5 Double Rooms (3 en suite)

5 Twin-Bedded Rooms (2 en suite)

4 Single Rooms

2 Family Rooms (1 en suite)

**Transport:** Train from Glasgow takes less than one hour.

Ferry service from Largs-Cumbrae (10 minutes). Half-hourly throughout the year.

**Booking:** Deposit: £20 non-refundable.

Advance Booking: Advisable by telephone, e-mail or letter

Full Board - £65.00

Cost: B & B from £38.00 Half Board - £55.00

Parochial Clergy/Religious/Student: 10% discount on Retreats

Groups of over 10: special rates

**Comments:** Individual, Parish and Professional Groups welcome. The Warden is available to guide

individual and group retreats. Please see website for "Breaks" programme.

Charis Retreat 232 High Street Leslie, Fife KY6 3DB

Tel 01592 744632

Email <u>Retreat@charisfoundation.co.uk</u> Website <u>www.charisfoundation.co.uk</u>

Accommodation: the centre is non-residential. Offers a programme of workshops and retreats

For full programme see the website

# Craig Lodge (RC) Dalmally Argyll PA33 1AR

#### Tel 01838 200216

Email <u>mail@craiglodge.org</u> Website www.craiglodge.org

**Accommodation:** Various

Total - 40

**Transport:** 3 trains daily to Dalmally Station

3 buses daily to Dalmally. Guests can be collected from train or bus.

**Booking:** Half the total amount

Advance Booking: Preferable

Cost: Suggested offering £35.00 daily full board, but NOBODY must feel they cannot afford to

come. All offerings are welcome.

**Comments:** Group or individual retreats welcome. All denominations. Day pilgrims also welcome.

Duncraig (Ecumenical) Isle of Iona Argyll PA76 6SP

Tel/Fax 01681 700202 Email duncraigiona@talktalk.net Website www.duncraigiona.org

**Accommodation:** 1 double, 1 twin, 2 singles **Transport:** Train, bus and ferry.

Duncraig is 300m south of Iona jetty.

**Booking:** By phone, email, letter c/o Jenny McLellan address above.

3 days minimum stay.

Advance Booking: Essential

Cost: Prices on application

**Comments:** Ecumenical quiet house - Adults only.

Excellent value in all areas. Recommended for those on sabbatical.

#### Dunkeld Pastoral Centre 24-28 Lawside Road Dundee DD3 6XY Tel: 01382 225453

Fax: 01382 204022

Email administrator@dunkelddiocese.org.uk

Accommodation: 23 Single study/bedrooms (1 en suite)

2 Double study/bedrooms

**Transport:** Bus, taxi from Dundee Railway Station or Bus Station

**Booking:** In writing **Advance Booking:** Essential

Cost: On application

Emmaus House 14 Gilmore Place Edinburgh EH3 9NQ phone 0131 228 1066

Telephone 0131 228 1066

e-mail <u>info@emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk</u> website <u>www.emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk</u>

Accommodation

1single (ground floor), 2 doubles, 6 bedrooms for up to 14 people. 3 family rooms.

Most ensuite.

Contact Revd Andrew Bain
Cost See website

Fir Chlis, House of Prayer Old Kyle Road,

> Rhian, Tongue, Sutherland IV27 4XJ

Tel. 01847 611788 E-mail <u>firchlishouseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk</u>

Website: www.angelforce.co.uk

**Accommodation:** 1 single; 2 twin (en suite), 1 double (ensuite)

**Comments:** Daily pattern of prayer is offered, or guests can follow their own pattern of prayer and

contemplation

Contact: Kathleen Pannell

#### Garden Cottage Kilgraston, Bridge of Earn Perthshire PH2 9HN

#### Tel. 01738 813618 E-mail <u>adminorchard@btconnect.com</u>

Website www.gardencottagespirituality.org.uk

**Accommodation:** 1 single self-catering in the cottage 1 single self-catering hermitage

Comments: run by the Society of the Sacred Heart, offering, among others, individually-guided Ignatian

retreats

Contact: the Administrator

Ignatian Spirituality Centre 35 Scott Street Glasgow G3 6PE

Tel 0141 354 0077 Fax 0141 331 4588 Email admin@iscglasgow.co.uk Website www.iscglasgow.co.uk

Accommodation: Non residential

Transport: Underground, train, bus, foot Booking: Contact the Admin Secretary (above)

Cost: Prices on application
Advance Booking: Via Administrative Secretary

**Comments**: Programme of Retreats, Training in Prayer, Reflection, Day and

Weekend events, Individual Spritiual Direction, based on the Spiritual Exercises on St Ignatius of Loyola. Please contact the

Centre for a copy of the most recent programme

Kilravock Castle (Non-Denominational) Croy Inverness IV2 7PJ

Managers: Ken and June Naysmith

Tel 01667 493258 Email info@kilravockcastle.com Website www.kilravockcastle.com

**Accommodation:** East Wing - 8 bedrooms.

Single and double rooms - some en suite. Rose Cottage: 1 Double, 2 Twin, Self catering price on request

Also available: The Granary Building - self contained units.

Transport: 12 miles east of Inverness.

Booking: Fee £5.00 per person.

Advance Booking: Yes (desirable)

Cost: B & B £41.00 (en suite); £36.00 (bathroom nearby).

Full Scottish breakfast.

**Comments:** Historic Kilravock Castle is a unique friendly place where we offer a quiet retreat or an

energetic one with a choice of sports facilities available. Open May – September.

#### Pluscarden Abbey (RC) Elgin Morayshire IV30 8UA

#### Tel 01343 890257 Fax 01343 890258 Email contact via websitwe Website www.pluscardenabbey.org

**Accommodation:** The Abbey- Accommodation for men - 14

St Scholastica's- Accommodation for women or mixed groups

12 Single rooms..

Elgin has train and bus stations. Taxi from Elgin costs about £12. **Transport:** 

**Booking:** Fee - None. Clergy and Religious may book by phone.

By letter: write to the Guestmaster for accommodation in the Abbey and the Warden for

accommodation in St Scholastica's Retreat. By Fax - 01343 890258.

**Advance Booking:** Several weeks in summer. Must book in advance, in writing.

Offering welcome but optional. Cost:

**Comments:** Women's accommodation is self catering. Group Retreats - good notice. Leaflets on

retreats at Pluscarden available.

See "Retreats" section on website, where there is also a down-loadable/direct email

booking/enquiry form

#### **Salvation Army Conference and Holiday Centre**

**Balvonie** Halketburn Road Upper Skelmorlie Skelmorlie Ayrshire PA17 5BP

Tel 01475 520122 Fax 01475 522668

Hotel standard accommodation. 24 rooms in total. Accommodation:

1 single, 2 double, 1 family, 20 twin. 21 rooms en-suite, 3 with private facilities. 2 rooms

with disabled facilities. Tea/coffee stations in all rooms.

Maximum 46 people all sharing.

Train from Glasgow to Wemyss Bay. Bus or taxi to Upper Skelmorlie. Small numbers **Transport:** 

can be collected if prior arrangement made with managment.

£21.00 deposit per person for weekend conferences and retreats. **Booking:** 

£4.00 deposit for day conferences and retreats £45.00 deposit per person for holidays. £21.00 per person for group holidays.

All deposits non returnable

**Advance Booking:** Definitely

Cost: Details on request

Facilities consists of lounge, chapel/conference room, two study rooms and dining room. **Comments:** 

Self catering holiday flats available.

Youth Centre in grounds accommodates 40 on camp beds. Self-catering with toilet and shower facilities. All set in seven acres of lawn and woodland. Deer roam freely around

grounds. Suitable for barbeques, equipment available.

VISITORS MOST WELCOME. Contact management for further details. Sancta Maria Abbey (RC) Nunraw Garvald Haddington East Lothian EH41 4LW

Tel/Fax 01620 830223 guesthouse@nunraw.com Website: www.nunraw.org.uk

**Accommodation:** Various – 50 beds in single rooms **Transport:** Bus to Haddington from Edinburgh.

Post bus from Haddington to Abbey Mon - Fri.

Leaves GPO 1.00pm

**Booking:** £2.00 per head for groups over 5 in number **Advance Booking:** Various - small groups at short notice

Cost: Realistic offering

**Comments:** Groups must make own arrangements.

Individuals welcome.

Smithstone House of Prayer (RC)
Dalry Road,
Kilwinning,
North Ayrshire KA13 6PL

Tel. 01294 552515 Fax. 01294 559081 E.mail office@smithstonehouse.org.uk Website www.smithstonehouse.org.uk

**Accommodation:** 4 single, 5 twin. Day groups – up to 40.

**Comments:** run by the Sacred Heart Fathers.

Programme of events is available on request.

Contact: Stephen Motroni SCJ

#### CHECK LIST NO 1 FOR ORGANISERS

#### Venue

Accessibility both for those using public transport and, more importantly, for disabled people.

#### Suitability for the purpose:

Type of retreat/quiet day - Consider your potential retreatants and make your choice with them in mind.

#### Choice of leader:

Good leaders are often busy people and need to be booked well in advance.

#### Cost:

Hire of venue, materials, publicity, expenses for leader, food, etc, all need to be taken into account.

#### St Barnabas Retreat & Conference Centre St Barnabas Episcopal Church 4 Moredun Park View Edinburgh EH17 7NE

#### Tel 01875 812985

**Accommodation:** Overnight accommodation is not available

2/3 rooms (1 in the church) available for discussion groups and worship.

**Transport:** By car: ample parking in front of Community Centre

adjacent to church.

By bus: LRT No 3 via Gilmerton Road or SMT No 80.

LRT No 30 via Dalkeith Road or SMT No 79.

By train: To Edinburgh (Waverley or Haymarket Stations) then bus.

**Booking:** Send for leaflet and full details from:

Mrs Anne McLaren

19 Ferniehill Terrace, Edinburgh EH17 7AH

Tel 0131 258 9745

**Cost:** Donation of £10.00 or more to cover heating/lighting etc.

**Comments:** Excellent centre for Quiet Days or Conferences.

Pleasant patio area in good weather.

Assistance with leadership and worship may be available.

#### **CHECK LIST NO 2 FOR ORGANISERS**

#### Food:

Is food provided or is the retreat house self-catering?

For quiet days, do participants need to bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee? Where will it be eaten?

#### Silence:

How much and when?

#### **Publicity:**

Who is responsible? Get it out in plenty of time.

 $\label{thm:constraints} \textit{Give the prospective retreatants as much information as possible.}$ 

### St Drostan's Lodge (SEC)

Tarfside Glenesk Edzell Angus DD9 7YX

#### Tel 01569 730967

#### Website www.episcopal.brechin.org

**Accommodation:** 6 Single rooms

3 Double rooms (including 2 bunk-bedded rooms)

2 Twin en suite; 1 single en suite

Total - 17

**Transport:** Own arrangements

**Booking:** Fee £20 (a non-refundable deposit)

Advance Booking: Yes

Cost: £13.00 per night (excluding food) £16.00 per night outside Brechin Diocese

**Comments:** Available for individuals by request.

Self Catering.

Apply to the Rev Jane Nelson Email stdrostansbook@btinternet.com

#### St Margaret of Scotland's House (SEC) 8 Cattofield Place Aberdeen AB25 3QL

#### Tel 01224 632648

**Accommodation:** 1 Single room (suitable for one guest)

**Transport:** Directions from rail/bus station on application

Booking: Fee - None Advance Booking: Yes -

Cost: On application
Contact: Sister Columba SSM

Institute of Spirituality St Mary's (RC) Kinnoull Perth PH2 7BP

> Tel 01738 624075 Fax 01738 442071

Email info@kinnoullmonastery.co.uk Web www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk

**Accommodation:** 21 Single rooms

17 Twin rooms

**Transport:** Train/Coach to Perth then taxi **Booking:** Registration fee for special courses.

Advance Booking: Preferable

Cost: Prices on application

Comments: Mission and Renewal Centre. Group and individual retreats. 7-week personal renewal

courses available.

Parish Leadership Weekends.

**Tabor Retreat Centre (Ecumenical)** 

Key House High Street Falkland Fife KY15 7BU

Tel 01337 857705 Email Lynda@keyhouse.org Website www.keyhouse.org

**Accommodation:** 4 Twin rooms. Can be booked singly. **Transport:** By Bus to Glenrothes or train to Markinch

**Booking:** £10 per person. Bookings are invited for a day and up to five nights.

Advance Booking: Recommended

**Cost:** Prices available on application for Full Board and for a programme weekend –

Friday evening meal to Sunday lunch.

Self catering arrangements can occasionally be made

**Comments:** Contact Lynda Wright. Space for groups of up to 8 people for retreat or self programmed

residential events and for 12 for day retreats.

## Whitchester Christian Guest House and Retreat (Ecumenical) Borthaugh Hawick TD9 7LN

Tel 01450 377477 Fax 01450 371080

Email enquiries@whitchester.org.uk Website www.whitchester.org.uk

**Accommodation:** 3 Single rooms (1 on ground floor)

7 Twin (or double) rooms. 2 ground floor twin rooms suitable for those with

disabilities. All en suite.

**Transport:** First Bus 95/X95 to Hawick, then 5 mins taxi, In some instances it may be possible to

collect from Hawick.

Road, A7/B711 Roberton Road (2 miles from centre of Hawick).

**Booking:** Individuals £10.00 booking fee.

Advance Booking: YES please
Cost: On application

**Comments:** Gracious country house in three acres of beautiful grounds.

Woodland Prayer Walk. Chapel, lounge, conservatory, library and small meeting room in

annexe.. Conducted retreats, prayer and counselling available.

Financial assistance may be possible.

Run by Whitchester Christian Centre, a charitable company. SCO11436

#### Wiston Lodge Wiston Biggar Lanarkshire ML12 6HT

Tel 01899 850 228 Fax 01899 850 693 Email info@wistonlodge.co.uk Website www.wistonlodge.co.uk

**Accommodation:** *Main building:* 3 twin rooms, 2 family rooms (en suite),

Dormitories sleeping 9, 8, and 7

1 ground floor room (en suite, sleeping 4).

Total: 44

3 timber cabins: All bunks: each with sleeping 6 in two rooms with 1 bunk and 1 bed.

Total: 18 Small meeting room..

Wiston Lodge is currently undergoing refurbishment and many improvements have been

made, with more planned.

**Transport:** Lodge on B7055, 8 miles west of Biggar at foot of Tinto Hill

12 miles on A73 to Lanark

From M74, Junction 11 - from north, 13 from south

**Booking:** Through Wiston Lodge

Advance Booking: Essential

Cost: £24 B & B: £35 per person per 24 hours full board.

Special rates for children, school groups and weekend conferences

**Comments:** Wiston Lodge is a Victorian Country House set in over 50 acres of woodland at the foot of

Tinto Hill in the Upper Clyde Valley, an area of historic interest and scenic beauty. The Lodge offers a perfect setting for Conferences and retreats, and has a wide range of facilities to offer. It is particularly suitable for family retreats and youth

groups.

Programme activities and team building activities available.

### Information about Retreat Houses in England and Wales may be obtained from

The Association for Promoting Retreats
The Central Hall
256 Bermondsey Street
London SE1 3UJ
Tel: 020 7357 7736

info@retreats.org.uk www.retreats.org.uk The Scottish Episcopal Church is committed to Inter-Faith dialogue and contact. Members may be interested in the opportunities provided by a visit to places such as.........

Centre for World Peace and Health Tibetan Buddhist Centre Rokpa Trust Holy Isle Lamlash Bay KA27 8GB Tel: 01770 601100

Celtic Christians sought the solitude of Holy Isle to support their prayer and meditation, just as the Tibetan yogis did in the Himalayas. Since the Rokpa Trust bought the Holy Isle in 1992 it has always been the intention to build a centre open to people of all faiths. This is in keeping with his wish to make the island available to as wide a group of people as possible. It is hoped that the Centre will become a focal point for interfaith work and retreat and be a peaceful refuge in this hectic modern world.