

“Island Stories” with Kenneth Steven

16th – 22nd October 2026 - Argyll Hotel, Isle of Iona



Join me on Iona, an island that's known many writers and their stories. On the island known as the “Cradle of Christianity”, we'll share those stories, as well as others from islands throughout the Hebrides.

Each day we'll discover these stories and talk about the authors' lives. I'll give readings from my own poetry and prose, focusing on the writing inspired by Iona specifically and the Hebrides more generally. In the afternoons, we'll explore Iona and look across the water to many of those other islands.

A chance to be part of a group as autumn and winter begin, and Iona starts going into a season of quiet. A chance to become part of a little cluster of folk thinking about the history of Christianity, sharing words, sharing ideas about words, and perhaps being inspired to write some of our own.

*About the Speaker - an experienced retreat leader, Kenneth studied Scottish Literature at the University of Glasgow and has had numerous books published as a poet, an essayist and a writer of fiction – www.kennethsteven.co.uk

Argyll Hotel is offering this retreat for an inclusive fee of £1,300 (price based upon a garden view single room – double occupancy or room upgrade pricing available) which covers your retreat fee and full board accommodation. Interested participants should, in the first instance, contact Kenneth Steven – info@kennethsteven.co.uk – to reserve your place on the course and then contact the hotel to complete your booking – email reception@argyllhoteliona.co.uk or telephone 01681 700334