

2013 programme

Programme of Events for 2013

Each walk will include a time of prayer and reflection. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Dogs must be kept on leads at all times. No need to book - just turn up!

Saturday 18 May

10.30 - 17.00 Launch Service and Walk from Rushen Abbey

Meet at Abbey Church, Ballasalla (map ref 279702). Opening service at Rushen Abbey. Walk to Ballasalla station and take the 12.20 train to Santon. Walk to Santon Church and view crosses, then on to Santon Gorge and Ballawoods keeill. Take coastal path to Balthane and return to cars at Abbey Church. Rough walking in places. Stout footwear essential. Bring packed lunch. (6 miles)

Sunday 19 May

15.00 A Keeill Sing at Abbeylands Methodist Chapel (map ref 370800)

Learn new Iona songs and enjoy the old traditional ones too at an afternoon of celebration for the anniversary of the chapel. Worship led by Revd Dee Dee Haines with talk by local historian Frank Cowin who will explain the importance of the chapel site just below the old highway linking the Abbey lands in the south with the Abbey lands in the north. Refreshments served afterwards.

Monday 20 May

11.00 Visit to St Runius Church

Meet and park at Ard Jekyll, MSPCA (map ref 292781). Share cars to St Runius (map ref 321787). Return to Ard Jekyll for lunch.

19.30 Talk by local historian Peter Kelly, 'The Celtic Style - ancient and modern'

To be held at Promenade Methodist Church, Douglas.

Tuesday 21 May

18.30 Evening walk from monastery at Maughold

Meet at Maughold Church Hall (map ref 493917) where refreshments will be served. (Cash donations welcome). Short walk led by Marinda Fargher to Dhrynane and the coastal path ending back at Maughold Parish Church for a short service. Some parts of the route are rough. For those not wishing to walk, Frank Cowin will take a group round the crosses and keeills within the churchyard.

Wednesday 22 May

19.00 Coach Trip - The Irish Abbeylands

Depart from Promenade Methodist Church, Douglas. The evening ends with supper at Glen Maye Chapel. Return to Douglas by approximately 22.15. Cost £15 to include supper. Limited numbers so booking essential. Please send cheque, payable to Promenade Methodist Church, and a stamped addressed envelope, to 'Praying the Keeills Week' c/o Ballachree, Main Road, Ballaugh, IM7 5EB. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will be sent out on 8 May.

Thursday 23 May

14.00 An afternoon walk along the Carnanes

Meet at the Sloc (map ref 216734). Circular walk with views to hermitage and keeills sites. Steep and rough walking in places. Stout footwear essential. (5 miles)

Friday 24 May

19.30 Evening at Peel Castle and the Old Cathedral

Meet at the New Cathedral (map ref 247840) for refreshments. (Cash donations welcome). Walk to St Patrick's Isle. Evening will close with worship at the Old Cathedral.

Saturday 25 May

10.30-17.00 Full day journeying on Meayll peninsula

Meet at Port St Mary Town Hall (map ref 209682). Walk along coast via chasms to the Sound looking across to keeill site on Calf. Continue up road to Cregneish and Mull Hill then back to Port St Mary. Stout footwear required. Bring packed lunch. (8 miles)