

Argyll & The Isles



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Singing Through the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles in Scotland

Members of St. Peter's Choir in Lewes, Delaware plus three choir members from Immanuel Episcopal Church in the Highlands of Wilmington, Delaware will tour Argyll and The Isles from the 6th through the 18th of June. This tour is being undertaken at the suggestion of Bishop Martin Shaw two years ago. It is an event of and part of the companion relationship of The Episcopal Diocese of Delaware and the Episcopal Diocese of Argyll and The Isles.

The choir and guest travellers will leave the USA on 5 June, arrive at Glasgow the next morning and travel by coach to Ullapool. The first singing venue of the tour will be St. Peter's Church in Stornoway. The choir will present a concert at 7.30 pm on Thursday the 7th. A wonderful tour of Lewis and hospitality have been organized by Lisbeth Dunne, of Stornoway.

The next stop will be at Portree on the Isle of Skye on Saturday the 9th with a concert in St. Columba's Church at 7.30 pm. The choir also will sing at the 11.00 am service the next morning. The Revd. Jeffrey Ross, Rector of St. Peter's in Lewes, Delaware, will deliver the sermon.

Next there will be a two-day visit to Iona. On Wednesday the 13th, the choir will leave Iona and make a lunchtime stop in Oban and will sing a short program in St. John's Cathedral at 1.00 pm.

From Oban, the tour group will continue to Lochgilphead where they will sing Choral Evensong at Christ Church in the evening of Wednesday 13th. On Thursday evening, the 14th, the choir will sing a concert at All Saints Church in Inverary.

Friday morning the 15th will take the choir to Arran where they will visit the distillery at Lochranza and then Brodick Castle. In the evening they will sing a concert at Whiting Bay Church of Scotland. (St. Margaret's Whiting Bay is too small to accommodate the choir and audience).

The final stop of the singing tour of Argyll and the Isles will be at the Cathedral of The Isles in Millport. The Cathedral has been twinned for the past five years with St. Peter's of Lewes, Delaware. The choir will sing at the Sunday morning Eucharist and at 3.00pm will sing Choral Evensong. This will be followed by a short concert of sacred music.

Our final day will be spent at the Kelvingrove Museum of Art and also in St. Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow. We fly home to the USA on Tuesday the 19th June.

Throughout the tour, the choir will be under the direction of George Bayley, organist and choirmaster of St. Peter's , Lewes.

The tour accompanist will be Stephanie Liem, a brilliant young American organist and third year student of Alan Morrison at Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music.

Do please try to join us at one of our concerts that will be happening near you. This is a very versatile choir and it will be well worth making a detour to spend an evening in their company,

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