

JOHN BELL brings "Songs from the Iona Community" to WIMBLEDON

Tuesday 5th March 2013

7.30 -10pm

Trinity United Reformed Church, Mansel Road, SW19 4AA

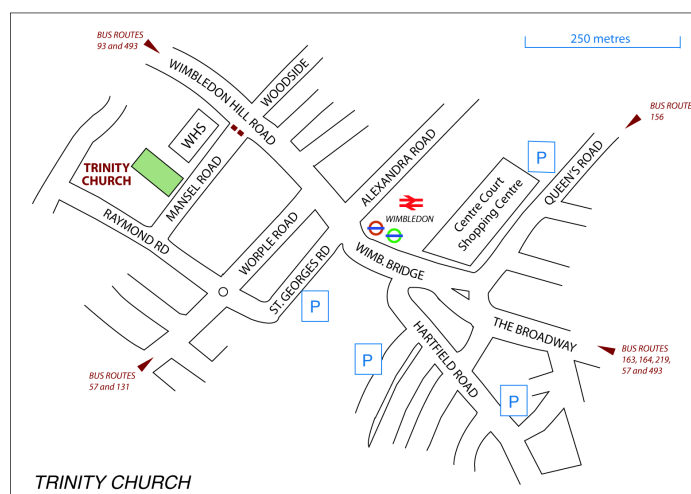


Who is John Bell?

John Bell.....is a native of Kilmarnock, now living in Glasgow where he studied Arts and Theology. After spells of voluntary work in London and Amsterdam, and engagements in student politics, he was ordained by the Church of Scotland. For ten years he worked in youth ministry before transferring to concentrate on music and worship. He lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across the denominations in Europe, the Americas, Asia, and in Southern Africa. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster on national radio and television, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. He and the work he shares with his colleagues has been honoured by the Royal School of Church Music, the Hymn Society in the US & Canada, and the University of Glasgow, the first and second of which bestowed on him the status of Fellowship, the third a Doctorate. His alternative biography states that he is neither Leader nor Musical Director of the Iona Community. He is simply (with typical modesty) a Wild Goose Resource Worker. He does not have a mobile phone, driving licence, camera, i-pod or wife. He has never traced his family origins, played a guitar or eaten a Big Mac.

Where can I hear John Bell?

.....at Trinity United Reformed Church, Wimbledon, Mansel Road, London SW19 4AA



Trinity URC is a short walk from Wimbledon Station, for Mainline and Underground trains, Croydon Tramlink and various bus routes. www.trinitywimbledon.org

How much will this cost?

There will be no charge for attendance, but retiring donations for the work of the Iona Community would be much appreciated.

Further details about the event on Tuesday 5 March 2013 can be obtained from:-

Catherine Paul (email: Catherine.f.paul@btinternet.com; tel: (020) 7938 4608)

The Iona Community

The Iona Community.....is an association of men and women, lay and ordained, fully ecumenical in membership, committed to the renewal of the Church and Society. The members, around 270 in number, keep a rule of faith which concerns their prayer life, time, money, engagement in promotion of social and international justice, and which requires them to meet regularly in regional or plenary gatherings throughout Britain. Begun in 1938 by (Lord) George MacLeod, a Presbyterian minister, the Community has had a catalyst effect within Britain in the areas of peace-making, ecumenism, social exclusion and liturgy. Only a few members live on Iona, as members of the Resident Group. Others, married and single, have their own secular jobs which range from retired miner to cathedral musician. The work of the Community is supported by over 2500 associates & friends who live worldwide. No members are monks or nuns, nor are any required to be aficionados of Gregorian Chant or experts in Celtic Spirituality

THE WILD GOOSE RESOURCE GROUP...is a semi-autonomous project of The Iona Community and an expression of its commitment to the renewal of music and worship, consisting of John Bell, Graham Maule and Jo Love (Resource Workers), and administrative staff, based in the Community's Glasgow office. For over 25 years, the Group has been engaged at local, national and international levels, enabling lay and ordained leadership. In association with colleagues and friends, the Group has produced a large range of music books, CD's and resources for worship which are published throughout the English speaking world, with some materials available in several European and Asian languages; www.wgrg.co.uk.

The island of Iona....

is a small island (3 x 1.5 miles) off the West Coast of Scotland. It was there that St Columba landed in 563 to begin a mission which evangelized much of Scotland and initiated a much larger process of evangelisation which had an effect throughout the British Isles and onto the continent of Europe. The Celtic witness in Iona diminished towards the end of the first millennium. The primitive Columban settlement was replaced by a Benedictine Abbey including a small Cathedral Church. The buildings were destroyed in the 16th Century by Presbyterian reformers and lay in ruins until, in the late 19th century, the landlord, the Duke of Argyll, substantially rebuilt the cathedral, designating it as a place of worship for all Christians. The rebuilding of the monastic ruins of the Abbey marked the inception of the Iona Community. For further information, please see www.iona.org.uk.