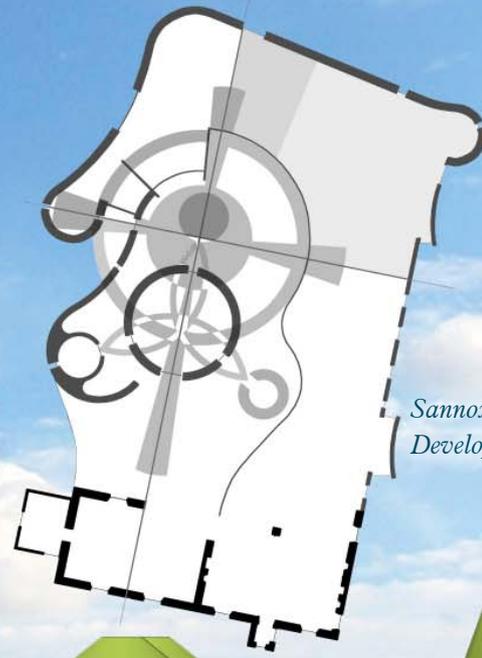


SANNOX  
CHRISTIAN  
CENTRE



Sannox is a special place of Christian history and heritage, reaching back 200 years to a house church birthed out of revival in 1806. Sixteen years later, the church we see today was built on land gifted by the Duke of Hamilton. In 2012 we propose to create a new Sannox Christian Centre, beginning a fresh chapter in the life of this unique and spiritual place. From those who left Glen Sannox during the Clearances of the early 19th century, to the Gaelic evangelists who later studied there, this has always been a place of worship, contemplation and prayer. We believe this is a day which God has been orchestrating for many years, preparing for the peace of Sannox to once again offer blessing, healing, restoration and hope to all who come.



*Sannox  
Development Plan*



## THE VISION

Sannox will embrace the three traditions of Celtic Christianity;

- *Personal devotion to God*
- *Service to the community*
- *Mission to the world*

It will be a safe space to walk and talk with God, a place where people can re-set their thoughts, slow down to listen, pause to commune and allow God to impart His blessing, healing and restoration.

There will be an abundance of hospitality, blessing and outreach, practical plans to help with affordable housing and many other forms of community support. Sannox will be part of the community, not a closed commune.

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## CORE VALUES

It will be open to all, praying blessings on people and communities as they seek change for good.

- *A place of worship and prayer, centred on Christ, which uses a daily rhythm of prayer and is open to all.*
- *A place of blessing where mercy triumphs over judgment.*
- *A place of healing, restoration and equipping, where people are fully refreshed.*
- *A place of mission, training people for service in their own churches and communities. The centre will especially seek to be a resource to the churches of Arran and Scotland.*
- *A part of the local community where all can be part of the centre's work.*
- *A place based on the values of the Celtic Church; where the spiritual and physical meet. A centre that will be sustainable in every way possible.*
- *A safe place where people can relax, meeting their Father God in His wonderful environment.*

## THE BUILDINGS & THE DESIGN

Retention, repair and refurbishment are key requirements for the existing buildings at Sannox. The Church, the Manse and Dundarroch are at the design core of the project, with all new buildings linked to the listed church and manse restricted to single storey structures.

Design inspiration for the new buildings is drawn from an early Celtic community off the west coast of Ireland where all buildings, including ‘beehive’

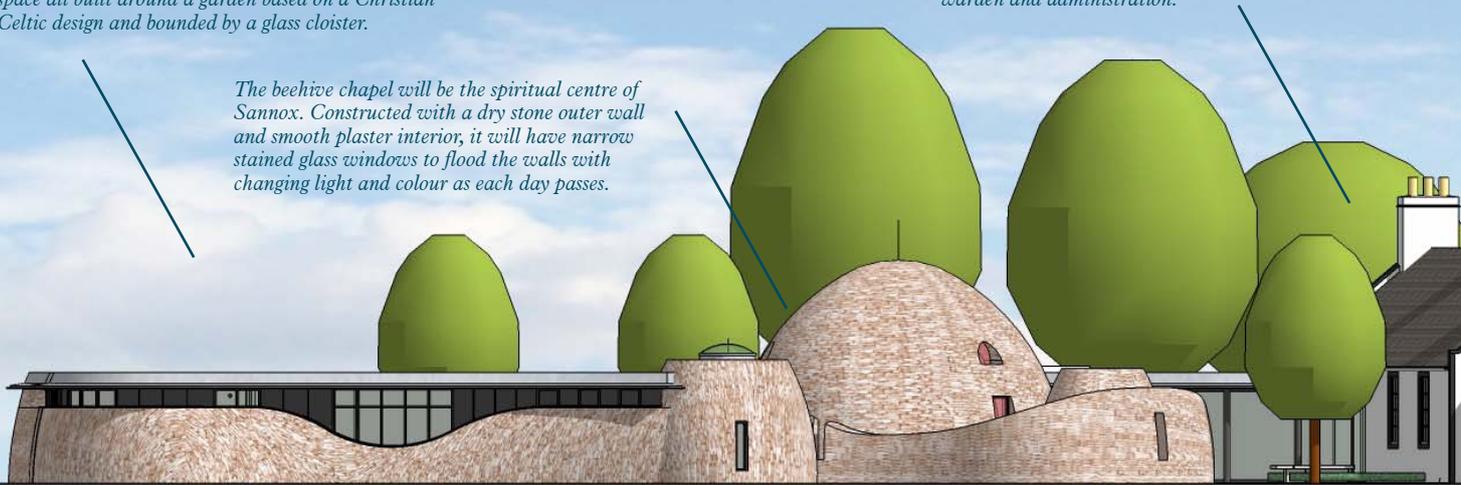
*The area north of the church will house seminar rooms, prayer/counselling rooms and a creative arts space all built around a garden based on a Christian Celtic design and bounded by a glass cloister.*

*The beehive chapel will be the spiritual centre of Sannox. Constructed with a dry stone outer wall and smooth plaster interior, it will have narrow stained glass windows to flood the walls with changing light and colour as each day passes.*

structures, were built in natural stone. Existing buildings at Sannox will keep their time-honoured white finish, remaining prominent and eye-catching. The external walls of the new buildings will be in dry stone, undulating in plan and elevation to reflect the surrounding countryside.

The stone chapel which forms the centre-piece of the new cloistered garden will have a monastic quality, rich in contemplative forms of praise and worship. The stained

*The manse will be refurbished and converted for use by the centre’s warden and administration.*



glass windows include Celtic geometric patterns where these engage with the centre's Christian ethos.

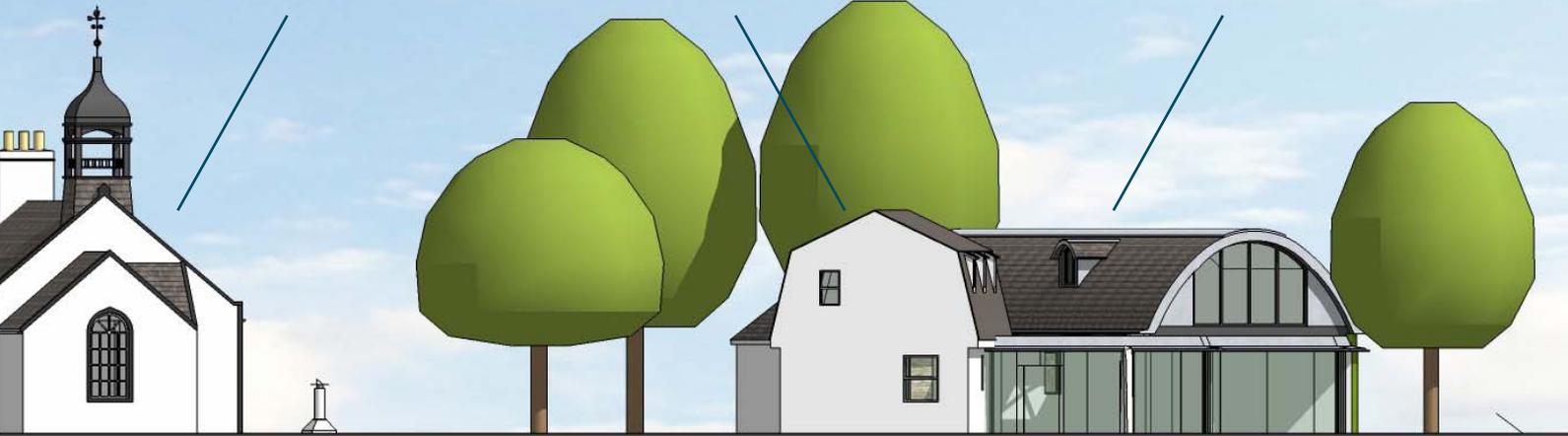
The geometry of the healing garden is highly symbolic based on a Celtic trinity knot superimposed on a Celtic cross. This depicts the coequal and indivisible nature of God. The cross forms the central point of the geometric pattern from which the main activity spaces radiate and is placed to be visible from all areas. The

*Sannox Church stands at the centre of the development and will be refurbished at an early stage, being reinstated as near to the original design as possible.*

*Dundarroch will be refurbished as part of the accommodation facilities for the Centre.*

Celtic Christian 'theme of three' – Cave, Refectory and Road – will be applied to the three parts of the garden surrounding the Chapel. Other garden aspects will support the process of spiritual and physical healing with the High Cross standing strong in its declaration of God's song of Sannox.

*Two residential buildings for 8 and 12 people respectively, both with twin and single rooms, all en-suite, and with a shared kitchen and dining area in a new extension, placed between them.*

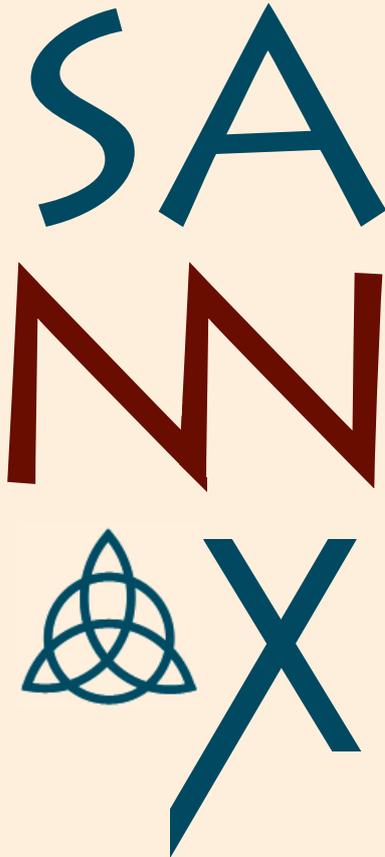




## ACTIVITIES

- *Alongside its core use for worship, contemplation and prayer, Sannox will feature courses for individuals and groups.*
- *Following the rhythm of the seasons, activities will be quiet and reflective in winter, preparing for service in spring, for mission in summer and for celebration and thanksgiving in autumn.*
- *Courses will embrace worship and prayer, worship and the creative arts, counselling, listening, healing and wholeness.*
- *The creative arts centre will explore worship, prayer, healing and wholeness through different ministries and forms of media, such as the use of music, drama, craft and design.*
- *Extra courses will be created in response to specific requests.*

FRIENDS OF



## How you can help

We invite you to become a Friend of Sannox so that you can play an important part in the work of God at Sannox by committing to:

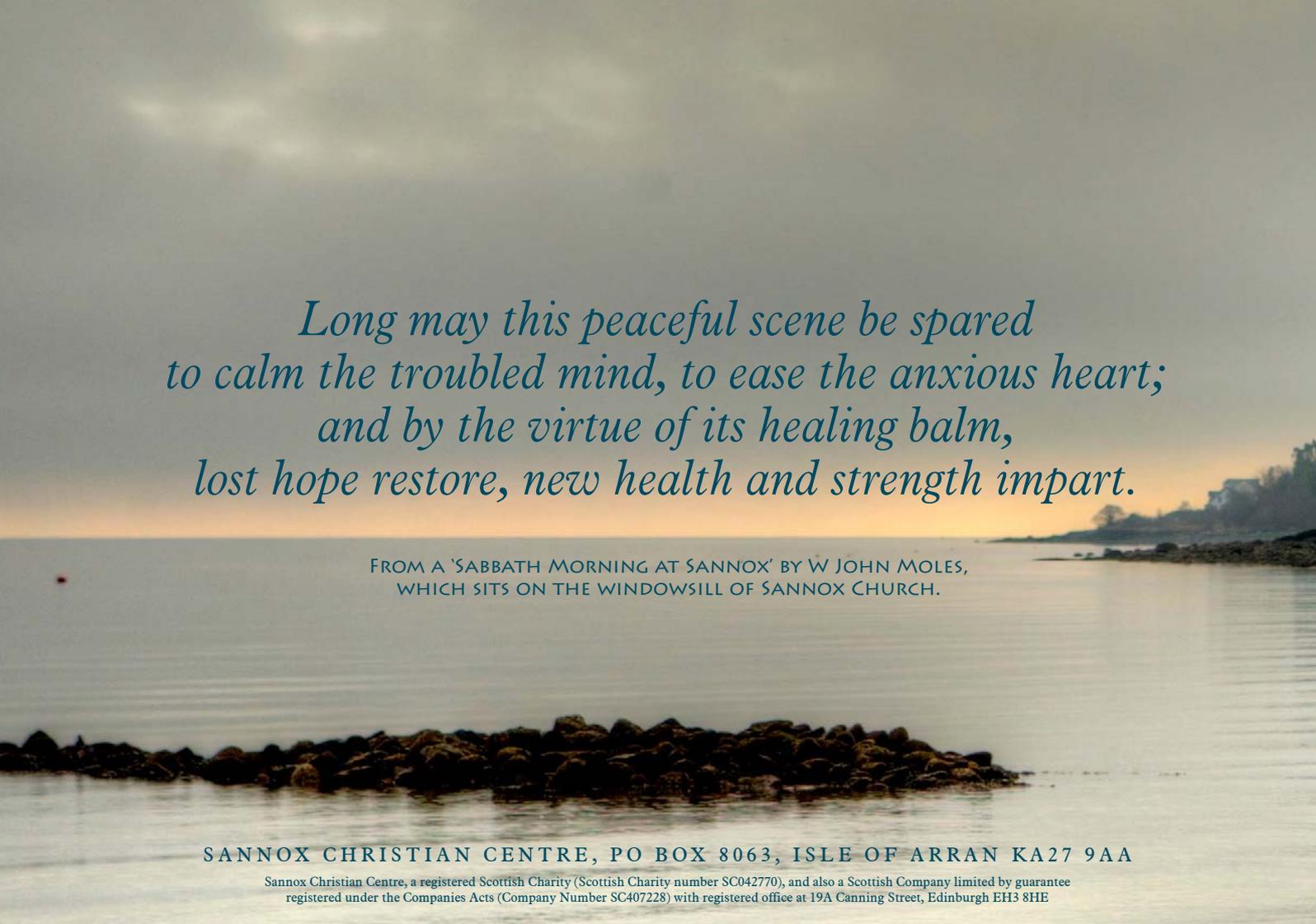
- *pray*
- *offer financial support*
- *become involved in a practical way*

As a friend you will receive:

- *regular updates*
- *prayer needs of the centre*
- *an invitation to the Annual Friends Gathering*
- *advance notice of our programme of events*
- *prayer support of the Centre and its Friends for your own prayer requests*

## What to do next

If you would like to become a friend please sign up on our website [www.sannox.org](http://www.sannox.org), call 07771 332912, or write to us at the address shown overleaf. We look forward to walking these ancient paths together.



*Long may this peaceful scene be spared  
to calm the troubled mind, to ease the anxious heart;  
and by the virtue of its healing balm,  
lost hope restore, new health and strength impart.*

FROM A 'SABBATH MORNING AT SANNOX' BY W JOHN MOLES,  
WHICH SITS ON THE WINDOWSILL OF SANNOX CHURCH.

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