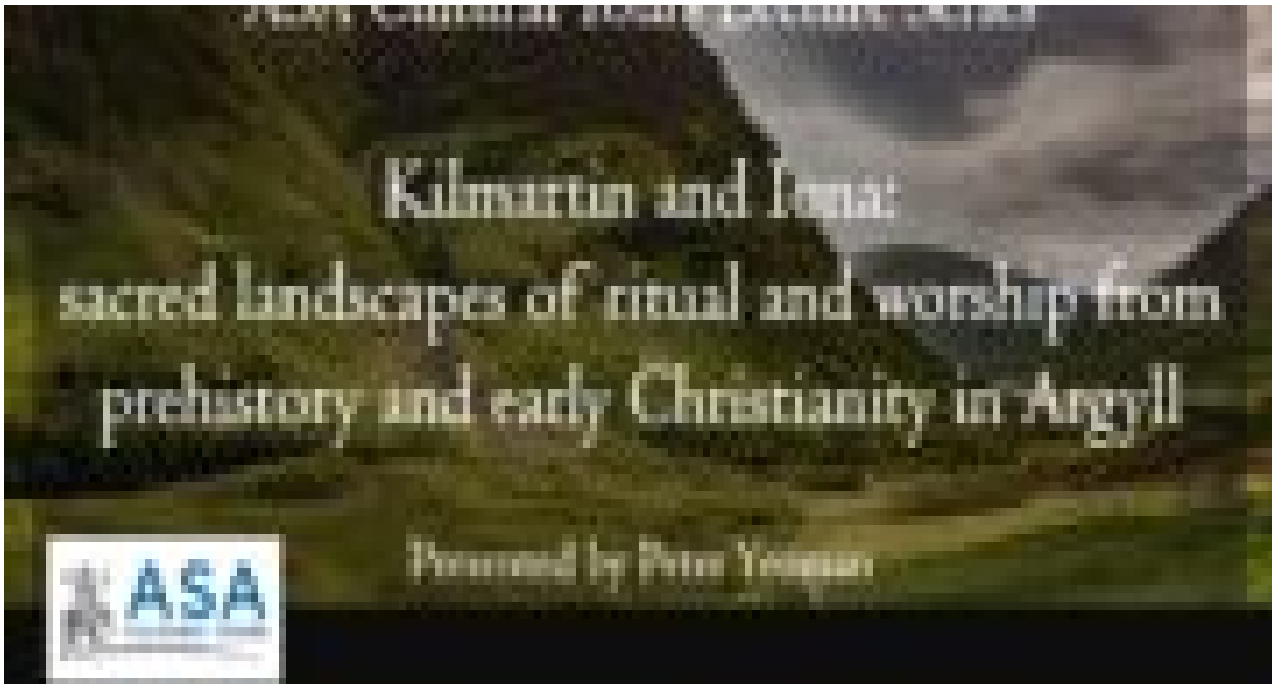


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This lecture focuses on two contrasting places of sacred importance, close by, but separated by more than three millennia of time. Kilmartin is a sublime west coast valley full of amazing stone circles and tombs, attracting Neolithic kindred in large numbers to seasonal celebrations. At the lovely island of Iona by contrast, the most sacred Christian place in Scotland grew up from the monastery created by St Columba in the 6th century AD. This special quality of Iona is revered to this day, and only really appreciated if you stay there a while. Both places are a pleasure to visit, both featuring award-winning museums. Peter has carried out extensive recent research at Iona to create the new museum and program of excavations there.

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