

Friars News

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Carmelite News

The Carmelite Electoral Assembly took place during the last full week of February. We are pleased to announce that Kevin Alban was elected as the new Prior Provincial along with a new Provincial Council. Kevin and the Council will take up their new roles in May. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to take on this important work.

The Electoral Assembly was a chance to meet up with all of the friars.

The Lent talks begin this month on the theme, *Living the Gospel Today* (details right). Those attending are very welcome to start the evening at 6.30pm with Evening Prayer, followed by soup being served at 7pm in the Gatehouse and then the talk will begin at 7.30pm. Please do not feel you have to attend everything but come when you are able.

March Calendar	
Wed 1	Ash Wednesday 7.30am & 12 noon Mass
Thur 2	Prayer & Praise 7pm Cloister Chapel
Wed 8	Lent talk 7pm Gatehouse
Wed 15	Lent talk 7pm Gatehouse
Sat 18	Aylesford Third Order 10.30am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2pm Lectio Divina
Wed 22	Lent talk 7pm Gatehouse
24-26	Lent Retreat —Water, New Sight & New Life
Wed 29	Lent talk 7pm Gatehouse
Thurs	Choir Practice , 7.30—8.30pm



Water, new sight and new life
Lent Retreat 24th—26th March

A reflective consideration of the main themes of the Lenten Sunday readings that speak to us of water, light and eternal life.
Francis Kemsley, O.Carm. & Kevin Alban, O.Carm.
 See retreat leaflet for more details. Book at Reception.

Quiet Prayer in the Gatehouse
Wednesdays after the 12 Noon Mass
All welcome

Living the Gospel Today at Aylesford Priory A series of Lenten Reflections

Wednesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

8th March

What do we mean by Faith?

15th March

What is Love really?

22nd March

What is Church?

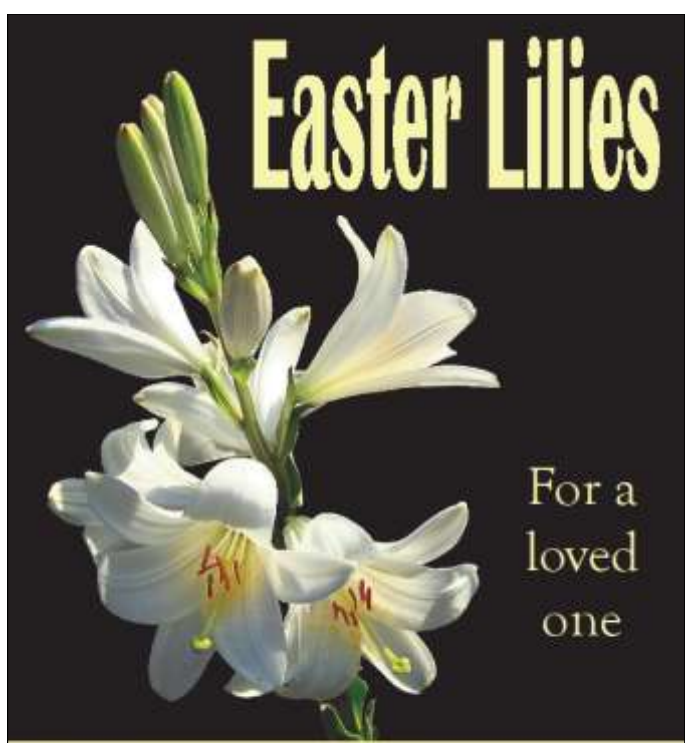
29th March

What is the Christian view of Peace?

5th April

Hearing God's voice today

For further information or to reserve a place, please contact: the Reception Office. Tel. 01622 717272 e-mail: retreat@thefriars.org.uk
www.thefriars.org.uk



Easter Lilies

For a loved one

If you would like a lily dedicated to a loved one, please write the name clearly on an envelope with a £4 donation and leave in Reception by Palm Sunday, 9th April. A list of all the dedications will be displayed in the Relic Chapel throughout Eastertide.

Any extra funds raised will go towards the various costs at The Friars, such as flower displays for other services throughout the year.

2017 Events Calendar	
Sat 25 Mar	Bearsted Choral Society Concert, 7.30pm Relic Chapel
Sat 8 Apr	Born For This A powerful and moving presentation of the Stations of the Cross using drama, movement and song on the Main Shrine. Free admission
Sun 23 Apr	Kent's All Ford Show
3 - 11 June	Woodturners Summer Exhibition
Sun 25 June	Friars' Summer Fayre 11am-4.30pm
Fri 21 July	Shakespeare's Hamlet 7.15pm outdoor performance
Sun 23 July	Kent's Kit, Custom & American Car Show
Sun 6 Aug	Vintage Motorbikes Open Day
Sun 10 Sept	Heritage Week Gatehouse Open Day Kent's Classic Car Show
4-19 Nov	Woodturners Winter Exhibition
25 & 26 Nov	Friars' Christmas Fayre
Sun 3 Dec	Light Up A Life
Fri 15 Dec	Carols by Candlelight
Farmers Market Dates: 19 Mar, 16 April, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 20 Aug, 17 Sept, 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec	



Bearsted Choral Society
Conductor
Andrew Lowen

presents:-

Joseph Haydn
Nelson Mass
Missa in Angustiis

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Solemn Vespers


Saturday 25th March, 2017 at 7.30pm
The Friars, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7BX

Tickets £10.00 (full-time students free)
tickets@bearstedchoral.org.uk / 01634 666730
Also available on the door

www.bearstedchoral.org.uk
Maldstone Area Arts Partnership
registered charity no: 1135663

100 + Club The winner of the February draw was Pauline Ashworth from Halling.

2016 Second Collections March—April
Friday 10th March CAFOD Fast Day
Friday 14th April Holy Places (Good Friday)
Sunday 30th April St George's Cathedral

- Announcements from Church Bulletins**
- Coming Up—Theological Open House. We discuss thought-provoking topics. Your opinions are hardly welcome.
 - Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
 - Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
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A fish
the size of
your thumb...



in Florence's hands became something **BIG:** school books, a home, a future for her children.

Will you do something amazing this Lent Fast Day?

Friday 10 March 2017

cafod.org.uk/lent
text **FAST17 £5** to **70070** to donate **£5**

LENT
Fast Day

Mass Collections	Mass Time	No. of People	Amount Received	Average per person
29 Jan	8.00 am	57	£165.83	£2.90
	10.15 am	94	£155.90	£1.65
	Combined	151	£321.73	£2.13
5 Feb	8.00 am	41	£113.11	£2.75
	10.15 am	97	£317.57	£3.27
	Combined	138	£430.68	£3.12
12 Feb	8.00 am	51	£119.72	£2.34
	10.15 pm	87	£223.51	£2.56
	Combined	138	£343.23	£2.48
19 Feb	8.00 am	49	£158.42	£3.23
	10.15am	108	£183.33	£2.17
	Combined	157	£341.75	£1.98
February Totals		584	£1437.39	£2.46