



Pilgrimages & Events 2017



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THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD

A meeting place and centre of Christian spirituality
with a Carmelite community at its heart;
a space where people of all ages and all faiths, or none,
will find a welcome, where the sacred is expressed through
prayer, the arts and nature.

Be still and know that I am God (Ps. 46:10)

The Carmelites first arrived at Aylesford in 1242 from Mount Carmel in the Holy Land, remaining here until 1538 - the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries. The Carmelites returned to their ancient home in 1949. Aylesford has been a place of pilgrimage since. The Shrine is dedicated to the Glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Simon Stock. Pilgrims are welcome all year round to join both the daily services of the Carmelite Community and the principal public services.

Welcome to Carmel

REGULAR SERVICES AT THE FRIARS

Mass Sunday 8.00 am & 10.15 am
Weekdays 7.30 am & 12 noon

Evening Prayer Monday-Saturday 6.30 pm
Sunday 6.00 pm

Night Prayer Saturdays 8.00 pm

Sacramental Confession

Monday-Saturday 10.00 - 11.30 am
2.00 - 4.00 pm

(Call at Reception. Subject to the availability of confessors.
There are no Confessions when Mass is taking place)

Confessions normally begin 45 minutes before Pilgrimage
Masses (May to October)

Very occasionally times and Services may change - please ring or check website

Retreats at The Friars For details of retreats see the Retreat Leaflet available on the website or on request by post or email. *Email: retreat@thefriars.org.uk*

Quiet Prayer with others If you feel the need for a period of silent prayer in the company of others then you are welcome in the Gatehouse every Wednesday after the 12 noon Mass.

Pilgrims Newsletter - Aylesford

Sent quarterly on request by post or email. *Email: newsletter@thefriars.org.uk* or available on the website.

FEBRUARY

- Sat 18 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Lectio Divina prayer and Carmelite spirituality – themed presentation
- Sun 19 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am – 1.30 pm

MARCH

- Wed 1 **ASH WEDNESDAY** 7.30 am & 12 noon Mass
- Sat 18 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Lectio Divina prayer and Carmelite spirituality – themed presentation
- Sun 19 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am – 1.30 pm

APRIL

- Sat 8 **BORN FOR THIS**
6.00 pm. A powerful and moving presentation of the Stations of the Cross using drama, movement and song. All welcome
- Sun 9 **PALM SUNDAY**
Masses 8.00 am & 10.15 am with Blessing of Palms
CATHOLIC TAMIL PILGRIMAGE
11.00 am Gathering Liturgy, 12 noon Palm Blessing & Processions, 12.15pm Mass, 3.30 pm Processional Stations of the Cross & Benediction

- Thur 13 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
8.00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
followed by Watching until Midnight. 11.30 pm Night Prayer
- Fri 14 **GOOD FRIDAY**
3.00 pm **Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord**
8.00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Sat 15 **HOLY SATURDAY**
9.00 pm **Easter Vigil** leading to
Mass of the Resurrection
- Sun 16 **EASTER SUNDAY**
Masses 8.00 am, 10.15 am & 12 noon.
Evening Prayer and Benediction 6.00 pm

- Sun 16 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am – 1.30 pm
- Mon 17 **EASTER MONDAY** 12 noon Mass
- Sat 22 **DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE**
10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Praise, prayer & talk. 12 noon Mass.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mercy Devotions
- Sun 23 **KENT'S ALL FORD SHOW**

Sat 29 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Lectio Divina prayer and Carmelite spirituality – themed presentation

MAY

Mon 1 **Bank Holiday** No 12 noon Mass
ALTAR SERVERS PILGRIMAGE
11.15 am Gathering Procession, 11.30 am Mass,

Sat 6 **LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE**
12 noon Mass, 3.00 pm Procession & Benediction.
Bishop Paul Hendricks

Sat 13 **COMMISSIONING DAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
2.30 pm Mass and Commissioning
AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Lectio Divina prayer and Carmelite spirituality – themed presentation

Sun 14 **MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY AND CO-WORKERS
PILGRIMAGE** 12 noon Mass. Shared picnic. Rosary

Tues 16 **ST SIMON STOCK**, Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon

Sun 21 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am – 1.30 pm

Wed 24 **GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOLS LITURGY**
11.30 am Liturgy with Missio

Sun 28 **ASCENSION OF THE LORD** Masses 8.00 am & 10.15 am

Mon 29 **Bank Holiday**, 12 noon Mass

Tues 30 **UCM SOUTHWARK PILGRIMAGE** 11.30 am Mass, 2.00 pm Rosary Procession

JUNE

Sat 3 **OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PILGRIMAGE**
12 noon Mass, 2.45 pm talk, 4.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Sat 3-Sun 11 **WOODTURNERS' SUMMER EXHIBITION**

Sun 4 **Pentecost**, Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am
ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE, 12 noon Mass, 4.00 pm Procession

Sun 11 **Trinity Sunday** Masses 8.00 am & 10.15 am
KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA PILGRIMAGE
12 noon Mass, Knights Ceremony, 3.30 pm Rosary Procession and Benediction

Sat 17 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Lectio Divina prayer and Carmelite spirituality – themed presentation

Sun 18 **Corpus Christi** Masses 8.00 am & 10.15 am

Sat 24 **Farmers' Market** , 9.00 am – 1.30 pm
SOUTHWARK DIOCESE YOUTH DAY, 10.00 am- 8.00 pm.
Mass 6.30 pm

Sun 25 **THE FRIARS SUMMER FAYRE**
11.00 am - 4.30 pm
Entertainment, music, games, refreshments and craft stalls. Entry fee.
5.00 pm Mass

Tues 27 **PICNIC AND PRAISE IN THE PRIORY**
Kent Catholic Schools Partnership celebration,
10.30 am – 2.00 pm. Praise, Mass and picnic

Wed 28– Thur 29 **SCYS YEAR 9 DAYS**

Thurs 29 **SS Peter & Paul** Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon

JULY

Sat 1 **NIGERIAN PILGRIMAGE** 10.00 am – 6.00 pm. Rosary
Procession, Mass, Homily, Adoration and Benediction

Sun 2 **DAY OF CELEBRATION** sharing in the Gifts of People with
Disabilities 12 noon Mass. Creative art & music workshops,
sensory prayer & closing celebration liturgy

Sun 9 **SOUTHWARK DIOCESE SYRO-MALABAR PILGRIMAGE**
1.30 pm Rosary, 2.30 pm Mass, Adoration and Benediction.
4.30 pm St Alphonsa Procession and shared picnic

Sun 16 **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PILGRIMAGE**
12 noon Mass, 2.30 pm Renewal of Third Order Profession
Promises, 3.00 pm Rosary Procession & Benediction
Blessing with relic of St Simon Stock and Enrolment in the
Brown Scapular

Fri 21 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am – 1.30 pm

SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET
7.15 pm. Outdoor performance. *See website for details*

Sun 23 **KENT'S KIT, CUSTOM AND AMERICAN CAR SHOW**

Sun 30 **CARIBBEAN PILGRIMAGE** 12 noon Mass, 3.30 pm Rosary
Procession & Benediction

AUGUST

Sun 6 **Transfiguration of the Lord** Masses 8.00 am and 10.15 am
VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE RALLY PUBLIC DAY

Wed 9 **Hiroshima and Nagasaki Remembrance Service**, 8.20 pm

- Sat 12 **ST JOHN KENT REUNION** 3.00 pm Service
- Sun 13 **PILGRIMAGE OF THE SICK** with Society of Our Lady of Lourdes 12 noon Mass of The Assumption with Sacrament of the Sick, 3.15 pm Rosary Procession & Benediction. Blessing with relic of St Simon Stock and Enrolment in the Brown Scapular
- Tues 15 **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon
- Sun 20 **CATHOLIC TAMIL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE** celebrating with Our Lady of Madhu, 11.00 am Gathering Liturgy, 12 noon Mass, 3.30 pm Procession & Benediction
Farmers' Market , 9.00 am- 1.30 pm
- Sun 27 **KERALA CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY PILGRIMAGE**
12 noon Mass, 2.30 pm Procession and Benediction
- Mon 28 **Bank Holiday**
DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE 10.30 am – 4.30 pm with prayer, devotions, Adoration and Mass

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 3 **POLISH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE**
12 noon Angelus & Confessions, 1.00 pm Mass, 4.00 pm Rosary Procession & Benediction
- Sat 9 **SOUTH EAST NEW DAWN DAY OF RENEWAL** 9.00 am—5.00 pm. 2.30 pm Mass
- Sun 10 **HERITAGE WEEK GATEHOUSE OPEN DAY**
2.00—4.00 pm
KENT'S CLASSIC CAR SHOW
- Sat 16 **AYLESFORD THIRD ORDER** 10.30 am Holy Hour, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Lectio Divina prayer and Carmelite spirituality – themed presentation
- Sun 17 **POLISH SCOUTS & GUIDES PILGRIMAGE**
11.30 am Rosary, 12 noon Mass, 2.00 pm Games & activities, campfire singing
Farmers' Market 9.00 am – 1.30 pm
- Fri 29 **ARCHBISHOP'S DAY FOR RELIGIOUS**
10.00 am - 4.00 pm. 3.00 pm Mass, Archbishop Peter Smith

OCTOBER

- Sun 1 **LITTLE FLOWER SOCIETY ST THÉRÈSE PILGRIMAGE**
12 Noon Gathering service & blessing of prayer banner, 2.15 pm Blessing of Roses, 3.00 pm Mass. Exhibition of Mission's work
- Sun 8 **ALL-FILIPINO PILGRIMAGE**
Shared picnic. 1.30 pm Rosary procession, 2.30 pm Mass

Sun 15 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am – 1.30 pm

NOVEMBER

Wed 1 **All Saints** Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon

Thurs 2 **All Souls**, Masses 7.30 am and 12 noon

Sat 4—Sun 19 **WOODTURNERS' WINTER EXHIBITION**

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Mass, 2.00 pm Lectio Divina prayer and Carmelite spirituality
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Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 November

THE FRIARS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Seasonal entertainment, craft and gift stalls. Entry fee

Sun 26 **Christ the King**, Mass 8.00 am

DECEMBER

Sun 3 **LIGHT UP A LIFE** Heart of Kent Hospice
Candlelit procession and Service, 4.30 pm

Fri 8 **Ecumenical Advent Service** 8.00 pm

Fri 15 **CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT** 7.15 pm

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Mass, 2.00 pm Lectio Divina prayer and Carmelite spirituality
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Sun 17 **Farmers' Market** 9.00 am – 1.30pm

Sun 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**

11.30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Mon 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** Masses 8.00 am & 10.15 am

Tues 26 **ST STEPHEN'S DAY** 12 noon Mass

Sun 31 **THE HOLY FAMILY** Masses 8.00 am & 10.15am

JANUARY 2018

Mon 1 Mary Mother of God, Mass 12 noon

Sun 7 **Epiphany** Masses 8.00 am & 10.15 am

The Carmelite Family.

We seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ through prayer, community and service. With Mary and the Prophet Elijah as our models we work in a variety of ministries, pointing to the presence of God.

For information about **becoming a friar**, email: vocations@carmelite.org

For information about **becoming a Lay Carmelite**, see www.laycarmel.org

Pilgrimages, Day trips and Tours.

Why not organise a day trip (weekends and weekdays) or tour (weekdays only) to Aylesford for your parish or group? Apply to the: *Shrine Secretary*.

Email: pilgrim@thefriars.org.uk When writing please give your phone number and enclose an s.a.e.

Guesthouse Accommodation

Accommodation available for individuals and groups seeking peace and quiet. Apply to *Reception*. Email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

Conferences

The Friars has a variety of conference rooms for groups large and small. For all enquiries apply to the Conference office. Email: meetings@thefriars.org.uk

Bookshop and Tearoom

Opening Hours: Mon - Sat 10.00 am - 5.00 pm, Sundays 11.00 am - 5.00 pm summer time. For winter opening times please see the website.

HOW TO REACH AYLESFORD IN KENT

Aylesford (The Friars) is just over 30 miles from London and is easily reached by road or train.

BRITISH RAIL: London (Victoria) to Maidstone East, then local bus route 155/156 (135 on Sundays) from the BR station to The Friars OR London (Charing Cross) to Aylesford (change at Strood), then 20 minute walk via Aylesford Village (turn left on leaving the station).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

British Rail 08457 484950

ROAD:

(1) **A2/M2:**

Exit A229 for Maidstone (Junction 3) then follow signs for The Friars,

(2) **M20:**

Exit A229 (Junction 6) then follow signs for The Friars.

COACHES: must approach and leave via ECCLES and NOT via AYLESFORD VILLAGE.

