

## The 800th Anniversary of Franciscan Friars coming to England in 1224



This image of early Franciscan Friars is courtesy of Pinterest. An interesting history of the Grey Friars can be found at: <https://www.thegreyfriars.org/history>. It tells of their landing in England in 1224 and the years that followed.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February:

**'Stone Carving 1'** Join Community Member Lindy on a practical stone carving experience. Learn to carve or increase your skills while exploring with others how ancient stone and spirituality might work

alongside each other in a relaxed environment where all are welcome. Tools provided but if you would like to bring your own then please do. Come and enjoy the rhythm of life at the Friary as we journey together over three days. Suggested donation £180.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: **'Lenten Quiet Day'** with the Hilfield Community. Join a group of fellow pilgrims in a day of reflecting on the Christ's call to take up our cross and follow him. Suggested donation £25 to include soup and bread.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March: **'First of two Folk Weekends – A Celtic Cruise'** with Gill and Alan McIntosh who welcome you to their ever-popular folk weekend (1 of 2 per year) that have now been running for 15 years. This is a musical journey through the Celtic regions of the UK. If you like singing or playing folk music, or just listening this is for you. Musical contributions are welcome but not compulsory. These are popular so please book early. Suggested donation £150.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April: 'Holy Week and Easter at the Friary'

Journey through Holy Week and Easter with members of the Hilfield Community experiencing its depth of loss, mourning and joy together. Suggested donation £280.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May: 'Contemplative Franciscan Prayer' led by Br James Douglas SSF. In a world hungry for spiritual experience, we will look at what St. Francis and St. Clare can teach us about contemplative prayer and its relevance today.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May: 'Reconnecting to the Diving in Nature' led by Mike Mullins and Jonathan Herbert. Are you feeling nature deprived? Struggling to be hopeful in the midst of the ecological crisis? Reconnecting to the divine in nature is geared at Christians enquiring into the place of nature, creation and eco-spirituality in their faith. The cost per person for three days, two nights and all meals is £240. To secure your booking a £100 deposit (non-refundable and non-transferable) is required at the time of booking. To book a place on the retreat please contact Mike Mullins at Email:

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<https://www.soulrewilding.co.uk> Please note to book a place on this weekend please contact Mike above.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June: 'First Craft Week of the year' with Suzi Herbert. Come along and enjoy the week with like-minded crafters. Suggested donation £250. If you would like to arrive on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to relax before you start crafting, please contact Suzi. There would be a suggested extra donation of £50.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July: 'Poetry Weekend – the poetry of John Donne (1572 – 1631)' with Elizabeth Cook. His poetry – as arresting now as when it was first written – is remarkable for the way it welcomes and combines all kinds of experience. During this weekend we shall look closely at these poems (with an emphasis on speaking and hearing them) and we shall also sample some of Donne's extraordinary prose writing. His sermons at St Paul's drew crowds! Anyone is welcome, you don't have to have experience. Suggested donation £150.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July: 'A gentle journey into Christian Healing' with Don and Rae Martin. Explore Francis's compassion and Christ's healing. This retreat may give you confidence to take it back to your parish and being your own ministry of healing and wholeness. Don and Rae are Third Order Franciscans who have had a strong link with the Friary for many years. Suggested donation £150.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May: 'Reconnecting to the Diving in Nature – a repeat of the 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May weekend' led by Mike Mullins and Jonathan Herbert.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August: 'Hilfield Families Camp' - Every summer, we host The Hilfield Families Camp (usually late July / early August). The Camp involves a week of sharing the life of the friary with adults and children (new young families are always most welcome) with Worship, Work and Fun! Please contact: [stuarthutton@me.com](mailto:stuarthutton@me.com)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August: 'Youth Camp' - Every August we host the Hilfield Youth Camp. Organised by experienced volunteers, HYC offers up to 50 young people aged 13 to 17 years the chance of a of low cost, fun holiday in stunning surroundings over a week while exploring a Christian theme. The Youth camp is built on friendship, community and faith. Please visit their website: <https://www.hilfieldyouthcamp.co.uk/>

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September : **Experience Community Life** - a weekend for 18 to 30 year olds with Community Members Amy and Luke. A chance to find out what life in community is like at a Franciscan friary. Suggested donation £150.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September: 'Second Stone Carving 2 Weekend' with Lindy Cameron. Join Lindy on her second practical stone carving experience. See details about the February weekend. Suggested donation £180.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October: 'Franciscan Weekend' - an annual weekend hosted by the Franciscan Brothers and Hilfield Community. Join us to celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the first Franciscan Brothers to England. Over the weekend at Hilfield, we will be focussing on Francis' life and

use his example to help us enter more deeply into a pattern of loving attentiveness to God in the world today. Suggested donation £150.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October: **‘Second Folk Weekend – Americana’** Gill and Alan welcome you to their second folk weekend of the year featuring traditional and contemporary songs and tunes from 'across the pond.' These are popular so please book early. Suggested donation £150.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: **‘Advent Quiet Day’** led by a Member of the Hilfield Community. Join us for our annual Advent Quiet Day as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child, the Light of the World. Suggested donation £25 to include soup and bread.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December: **‘Second Craft Week’** with Suzi Herbert. A time to come together away from the all the craziness of the season to relax and have time to craft. Suggested donation £250. If you would like to arrive on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to relax before you start crafting please contact Suzi. There would be an extra suggested donation of £50.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December: **‘Celebrate Christmas at the Friary’**. Join our Friary Family where we await the Birth of the Christ Child. Suggested donation £270.

**FOR FULL DETAILS OF OUR EVENTS VISIT OUR WEBSITE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE INDIVIDUAL EVENT LEAFLETS, BOOK OR WANT FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT SUZI IN THE FRIARY OFFICE (DETAILS BELOW).**

Suggested donations for residential retreats include all food and accommodation. Please let Suzi know if you have any dietary requirements. **Don't forget to contact Suzi to check availability and avoid disappointment before registering for the events.** There are no fixed charges but for each event we recommend an appropriate donation to cover the cost of your visit. If you are unable to afford these suggested donations – please contact Suzi who will try to help.

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