

Our small shop at Hilfield is open Wednesday to Saturday from 15.30 to 16.30. It is staffed by the Community. We sell religious items such as Bibles, books and icons, gifts (mostly fair trade), cards and some confectionary (including deliciously locally-sourced ice cream). Various gift items are made here by Community members. We accept cash or card payments. We don't have a specific shop website as we only carry a very small stock of each item, so please contact Suzi on 01300 341345 for current stock. Best of all come and see us!



Introducing our new Castlemilk Moorit flock who live with the Poll Dorsets



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Update

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Br. John writes: Hilfield is a very fluid community, a sort of kaleidoscope of changing patterns. It can be puzzling, and then things fall into place. Brothers and volunteers come and go regularly, even though some of us might be here for many years. In recent months we have said goodbye to Lindy and Luke, who have both moved on to new areas of ministry and study, and to Sophie, who is now testing a vocation with our CSF sisters in Southwark.

We are delighted, on the other hand, to have welcomed Felix our novice and that Ellie and Amy are both staying on, and we all benefit from their practicality and creativity around the place. Four other volunteers have been accepted for the autumn, subject in most cases to their visa applications being granted by the Home Office. We are so grateful for the prayers of our friends and supporters, and one prayer that is always relevant is that the Lord will send us the people he wants to be here, whether it be as brothers, volunteers or guests.



Br Felix

A new venture this summer was a prayer for healing weekend led by longtime friends of the friary, which included the opportunity for the laying on of hands and anointing after the Sunday Eucharist. It had a powerful impact on some of us. In my experience, friaries are generally places of healing, not always – or even usually – in a formal way. We all need healing at times. We look to Jesus Christ, the healer of all creation, and pray that we may share in that essential and sorely-needed work.

**Sara's
Sunshine
Salon**



We've all been getting our summer haircuts!! The wonderful Sara has given Br Hugh and one of our volunteers Amy a lovely trim, using the beautiful afternoon sunshine out in the courtyard.



Br Hugh still has 2 ears!



Lilia and Oleh

We recently said goodbye to the Ukranian couple Lilly and Oleh, and their gorgeous big cat Buster who have been living at Hilfield for a few months and have now moved to a local town. We will miss them and wish them luck for their future.



Michael's Garden Update As the photos show the garden is now in full bloom (the flowers anyway) and looking lovely. The pictures can be a bit misleading though as it's been a tough growing year with lots of challenges, though with opportunities to learn. If you're involved in growing you will probably have faced the same challenges too with unpredictable colder weather, hordes of slugs and a very wet start to the year. The main lessons we've taken here are keeping resilient to failure, letting go of a bit of control and always having spare plants! In this tough year, as you next buy some veg or harvest some of your own, take a moment to recognise the energy and commitment that's gone into growing them and the wonder of the harvest! Here's to a strong autumn of growth!

Would you like to be a Volunteer?

We are looking for people aged 18 - 30 who might be interested in volunteering with us for a year. This a great opportunity to deepen your Christian commitment, enjoy life in community, and to learn many new life skills that working on the land and in conservation can foster. Community life will enrich any course of study or career path in the future. Living at the heart of a Franciscan community can inspire your spiritual life—and give a close up look at what religious life is like. More information can be found on our website.

Jonathan writes Work has been continuing on the new Shepherds hut built on the base of an old tipping trailer. We are now fitting out the interior using wood from different trees felled from the woodland. The Hut will be for those seeking a more solitary retreat here. It will be off-grid and contain a simple cooker, sink, wood burner, bed, chair and desk. A battery will supply power for lighting, and a charger for phone and laptop.

