# Aylesford Friars Pilgrimage 9th-11th July 2021

### **About Aylesford Friars**

In the Archdiocese of Southwark and also known simply as "The Friars", Aylesford Priory in Kent is one of the ancient houses of the Carmelite Order, and a major place of pilgrimage.

The Priory has been there since 1242 when a group of hermits were given land to establish a community by a crusader returning from the Holy Land. The hermits decided to adopt a mendicant friar's lifestyle, serving Church and society and the priory in time was revered as a spiritual epicentre, nicknamed "the second Carmel". After approximately 400 years in private ownership, the Carmelite order bought the site back in 1949. The site is dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption and various chapels are dedicated to Carmel saints.



#### **OPEN TO ALL**

The cost for the weekend is £180 per person including accommodation and meals. Travel arrangements to the venue will be advised once we have a better idea of numbers attending. Public transport and hired coach options will both be considered for which you should initially allow in the region of £30 (but group travel on public transport can make this a bit cheaper.) However, car-sharing will also be encouraged of any drivers who can offer lifts and this would reduce travel costs further. Please however bear in mind social distancing guidelines in force at the time of the event.

Attendees should aim to be at Aylesford Friars no later than 5.30pm. SATNAV postcode is ME20 7BX

A more detailed timetable will be issued in due course, though we anticipate including participation in community liturgies, individual and group prayer time, and social time along with other possible additions. We are delighted to Kirk Jacob as our retreat facilitator.

### **DEPOSIT**

A £40 non-refundable deposit will be required as soon as possible. We would like to have some idea of numbers by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.

An interim payment of £45 would need to be made by Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2021.

### **BALANCE**

The balance of £95 would need to be paid by Friday June 25th 2021 and should be paid to Quest London and South East. Details overleaf.



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## **BOOKING FORM**

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Contact Ruby or Ricky QuestLSEevents@questlgbti.uk with queries Name:
Name:
Phone number:
Email address:
Postal address:
Emergency contact details:
Travel:  I am happy to use public transport (within a group if possible to reduce costs) Y/N  I am a driver with my own vehicle and willing to offer lifts from mutually convenient locations Y/N  I understand it is my responsibility to ensure any planned travel arrangements take account of current social distancing and/or transmission risk minimisation guidelines.
Please state any requirements regarding mobility, dietary arrangements, medical issues.
Please return this Booking Form either electronically (filled in/scanned) to <a href="mailto:QuestLSEevents@questlgbti.uk">QuestLSEevents@questlgbti.uk</a> or by post to:
Aylesford Friars Booking, Quest, BM Box 2585, London WC1N 3XX
DEPOSIT PAYMENT: £40
By bank transfer: (Important: please indicate 'AYLES' + your name in the reference)
Quest London and South East Sort code 12-11-03 Account number 00724131
By cheque: Payable to Quest London and South East Send to: Aylesford Friars Booking, Quest, BM Box 2585, London WC1N 3XX
By signing and submitting this form I am accepting the conditions set out above regarding payment and
confirm any details given are true and current. I will inform the Organiser of any changes.

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