



Growing in grace

In this programme for 2019 we welcome and invite you to join us in a multi-dimensional exploration of a grace-filled life. We experience God's grace in prayer and reflection, sitting in prayer spaces, wandering in the gardens and woodlands. We experience God's grace in working for social justice, environmental justice. We experience God's grace when we take time to let our creativity flow in crafts, in music, in sculpture. By God's grace we can come to see the world as filled with beauty, with possibilities for friendship and healing, we can discern a way to live in society and on the earth with love and care and consideration for all. Come! Join us as we seek to grow in God's grace.

Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th March **'Craft Week'** with Suzi Herbert. Another 'Time to Craft' time together. Bring old projects and try new ones in good company.

Saturday 9th March **'Trust: finding our way forward'** - a Lenten Quiet Day with Br Clark Berge. In this quiet day we will spend some time thinking about trust, the risks involved and how we can begin to foster trustful relationships with God and other people.

Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th March **'Folk Weekend'** - Songs of the Sea (and other Aquatic Bodies). This is the 9th Folk Weekend organised by Alan and Gill McIntosh, who are Tertiaries in the local Blackmore Vale Area. Alan and Gill also run two monthly folk/acoustic sessions in the Weymouth area.

Early booking is advisable for this popular weekend.

Tuesday 16th to Sunday 21st April **'Holy Week and Easter'** - join the Community as we observe the journey to Easter Day.

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May **'Hilfield Secret Garden'** - open under the National Gardens Scheme. The £5 entry fee goes to NGS supported charities. From 2pm until 5pm with Friary-made cakes, tea and coffee for which donations are welcome.

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May **'What did you say?'** - retreat weekend Led by Br Clark Berge. This retreat weekend will be a time to listen to the stories we tell ourselves and the story God is telling us.

Tuesday 28th May to Sunday 2nd June **'Young and Contemplative'** - a week sharing the rhythm of the friary's prayer and work for younger people aged 18-30 who are drawn to a contemplative spirituality.

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th June **'Dismantling Notions of Otherness'** - retreat weekend with Rev'd Jonathan Herbert. In a world of increasing polarisation, of slogans like "We want our country back!" and "America first!", it's vital that the Christian Church challenges the veiled racism behind such movements. During the weekend we shall be mining the Christian tradition to find ways of challenging Xenophobia and prejudice.



Friday 5th to Sunday 7th July **'Food and Spirituality'** – led by Annand and Jessie Asir who are priests from Southern India now in posts in a parish in Battersea, London. A theoretical and practical course covering the links between spirituality and food.

Tuesday 16th to Saturday 20th July **'Stone Carving'** – with professional stone-masons Robyn Golden Hann and Maya Martin. Suitable for beginners. You will produce a finished piece with all tools and materials provided. Limited places.



Saturday 20 July **'Wild Flower Walk'** with Richard Thornbury. An opportunity to be guided around Hilfield's stunning wildflower meadows. Some of the terrain is a bit rough, but all are welcome to come and participate as they are able.

Saturday 27th July to Sunday 4th August **'Families Camp'** - a week of sharing the life of the friary with adults and children. New young families welcome! Contact Stuart and Anna Hutton: stuarthutton@me.com

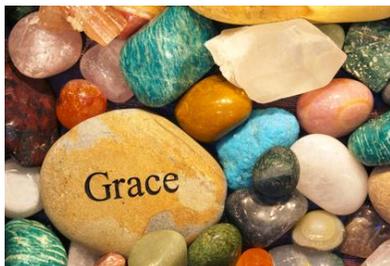
Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th August **'Youth Camp'** - a week with young people aged 13 to 17 sharing and growing in Christian life. Open to both groups and individuals. For information and booking: www.hilfieldyouthcamp.org

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September **'Science and the Care of Creation'** - a weekend with Sir Ghillean Prance FRS, VMH. The topic of Christian care of creation requires the basic understanding of both the science and the theology behind the reasons for actions. This will be a blend of science and the biblical reasons for taking better care of God's creation.

Saturday 14th September **'Stigmata Festival'** - Preacher and guest speaker Alexander McLean, Founder & Director General, African Prisons Project.

Friday 4th to Sunday 6th October **'Franciscan Retreat'** - led by Br Clark Berge and Br Philip Bartholomew. Francis meets the Sultan; what was it about 800 years ago and what difference can it make to our work and witness in the world today?

Thurs 24th – Sun 27th October **‘Craft week’** - our 2nd week to come together to make and share projects whilst chatting and laughing together. Maybe think of Christmas projects to attempt? A ‘time out’ with like-minded people before the craziness of Christmas.



Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd November **‘The Faithful love of the Lord never ends’** – a retreat weekend led by Lin Burton and Maggie Hooper. A creative weekend exploring this verse from Lamentations and its illustration within our lives.

Friday 15th to Sunday 17th November **‘Poetry Weekend’** - join Dr Elizabeth Cook for this ever popular weekend.

Saturday 30th November **‘Pre-Advent Quiet Day’** - save the date! More information to come on the website.

Tuesday 24th to Sunday 29th December **‘Christmas at the Friary’** - Arrivals from 24th December.

Day events are held in the Friary Recreation Room; tea and coffee are supplied by the Friary. Those resident for retreats or courses will be staying in individual rooms and sharing the rhythm of the life of the Friary Community. There are no fixed charges but for each event we recommend an appropriate donation to cover the cost of your visit.

For further information about these events and bookings contact the Friary Office: hilfieldssf@franciscans.org.uk / 01300 341741.

For information about the Friary: www.hilfieldfriary.org.uk



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