

Day Trip to Minster Abbey in Thanet- Saturday 8th October 2022.

Minster Abbey, founded in 670AD and so dating back to well before Norman times, is perhaps the oldest place of residence in the country, and is home to a Community of nuns who follow the rule of St Benedict. They follow the tradition of the early Christian nuns in Kent, working in a routine of daily prayer, welcoming visitors and being concerned for the welfare of their neighbours.

The location is only about an hour away from Hartley and leaving by coach at 8.30 am, we can arrive in time for a visit to the excellent tearoom before joining a tour of the Abbey, hearing about its fascinating history and the early saints who established its reputation as a place of pilgrimage - and then joining the community for midday prayer. (Lifts to and from the coach at Hartley will be arranged, as necessary.)

There will be time to visit the gift shop and take a simple lunch before joining one of the sisters for a period of spiritual reflection and taking time afterwards for private prayer, or to admire the gardens and celebrated world class sculptures created by Mother Concordia during the 20th century.

We will leave in time to get back to Hartley by about 5.15 pm. The site is well adapted for access by the less able.

The cost including coach hire, a donation to the Abbey and all refreshments, will be about £35, depending upon the number attending. Additional donations will be used to support those who perhaps cannot afford the full price and if this might be of help to you, please contact the parish office as some places will be available at reduced or zero cost. Please be assured that any communications will be held in confidence.

In order to finalise arrangements we need to know the likely number joining us. Please help by indicating your interest - without obligation - by filling in and returning the slip below by 19th September 2022. A box will be available in church for you to do this.

I am interested in joining the Minster Abbey trip on Saturday 8th October and will be accompanied by others.

Name

Contact details