

The Friars Aylesford

Wedding Reception

Packages



The Perfect Wedding Reception Venue

Welcome

A very warm welcome to The Friars, Aylesford. We are delighted that you are considering us as the reception venue for your special day.

We have three main options for your wedding reception which are, The Pilgrims' Hall Package, The Twilight Package or hiring the North Barn on a self-catering basis.

The Friars offers a truly breath-taking location and you will be amazed at its beautiful surroundings, the perfect backdrop for wedding photos which can be taken in the Courtyard and other areas of the grounds, detailed further in the brochure.

At the Friars we strongly believe that there is no set formula for your wedding reception, and we pride ourselves in our flexibility and ability to deliver the day of your dreams from the moment you book, right up until the last moments of your magical day.

We will take time and pay attention to your individual tastes and requirements, and will be on hand with every step of the planning to offer reassurance, inspiration and special tips to ensure a relaxed and smooth running wedding reception for all.

For our all-inclusive Pilgrims' Hall Package couples will have exclusive use of our stunning 13th Century Pilgrims' Hall which is the oldest building here at The Friars. You will also have use of our historic North Barn to hold your evening reception.

As food is one of the main highlights of a successful wedding, all our menus are tailor-made to suit your requirements. Your guests will enjoy a sumptuous wedding breakfast prepared on site by our Head Chef and their loyal team.

The happy couple will be offered a discount on their bedroom, in our guesthouse that holds up to 120 guests should they choose to stay here for Bed and Breakfast. There is ample free parking on site for all guests and both the Pilgrims' Hall and North Barn are within walking distance of each other.

Once you have had the chance to look through our brochure, please do not hesitate to contact our events team on 01622 717272 or events@thefriars.org.uk to make an appointment to discuss your special day.

Pilgrims' Hall Package

From £7900, based on 50 Adult Guests

The Pilgrims' Hall is our 13th Century medieval dining hall. This package allows exclusive use of this most unique setting accompanied with the divine, freshly prepared cuisine that you have chosen to impress your guests with, at exceptional value.

Included in this package:

- Venue Hire, full day use of both The Pilgrims' Hall for the wedding breakfast and The North Barn for your evening reception
- Your very own dedicated wedding coordinator, on hand for support throughout
- Use of easel for seating plan and table holders
- Tables, chairs, white linen, crockery, cutlery and glassware
- Elegant cake stand and cake knife
- Menu tasting for the Bride, Groom and a third person
- Welcome drinks for all guests (Glass of house wine/Bucks Fizz/ Orange juice)
- A sumptuous 3 course wedding breakfast followed by tea and coffee
- ½ bottle of house wine of your choosing, during the meal
- A glass of sparkling wine or prosecco for your wedding toast
- Finger buffet in the North Barn for your evening reception
- Fully licensed bar and staff
- Discounted guesthouse stay and breakfast for the happy couple in our bridal suite



Twilight Package

From £5200, based on 50 Adult Guests

The North Barn is a 17th Century barn which was restored in 2005 with the specific intentions of wedding receptions and events to take place here at The Friars. The space is generous and consists of one main area, a bar, four bays and a marquee area attached to the left of the barn that you can also use. This venue can be laid out and decorated in a vast amount of ways.

Included in this package:

Venue Hire, full day use of The North Barn from 10am the morning of the wedding until 9am the morning after your special day

- Reduced rates for additional set up days.
- Your very own dedicated wedding coordinator, on hand for support throughout
- Use of easel for seating plan and table holders
- Tables, chairs, white linen, crockery, cutlery and glassware
- Elegant cake stand and cake knife
- Finger Buffet Menu tasting for the Bride, Groom and a third person
- Welcome drinks for all guests (Glass of house wine/Bucks Fizz/ Orange juice)
- ½ bottle of house wine of your choosing, with your buffet
- A glass of sparkling wine or prosecco for your wedding toast
- Finger Buffet of your choosing in the North Barn for your evening reception
- Fully licensed bar and staff
- Discounted guesthouse stay and breakfast for the happy couple in our bridal suite



North Barn Venue Hire Only

From £2100

In addition to our Pilgrims' Hall Package and Twilight Package unlike other venues, we also offer the option for a self-catered wedding. This enables you to hire a vast range of services using the barn as the shell of your big day. All parties must follow our terms and conditions but the flexibility this approach offers is desirable for those who want a very unique day.

Included in this package:

- Use of the North Barn from 10am until 9am the following day
- Use of 25 rectangular tables and 150 chairs. (You will need to provide your own table cloths and chair covers)
- Use of the bar from 6.00pm-11.30pm (Additional hours charged per hour)
- Use of the Marquee attached to the barn (for storage or suppliers)
- Use of the forecourt area from 5pm
- Discounted guesthouse stay and breakfast for the happy couple in our bridal suite



Please Kindly Note

Aylesford Priory is not licensed for civil ceremonies. Other events may take place within the grounds on the day of your function. Access to the Pilgrims' Hall and North Barn is only permitted from the pre-agreed timings. Pilgrims' Hall can accommodate up to 80 seated. The North Barn will accommodate up to 150 (including yourselves, guests, and suppliers), and cannot be exceeded under any circumstances.

The North Barn hire only does not supply a Coordinator to plan your day, but the Events Office will assist in any day-to-day queries you may have prior to your event.

We recommend viewing prior to booking by arrangement.

Tables and Chairs

The tables in the North Barn are a standard buffet table measuring 6 ft x 2 ft 6" (183cm x 76.2cm). The height from floor to table top is 2 ft 5" (74cm). Should you wish to hire your own tables and chairs there will be an additional charge of £120 for us to remove ours from the barn.

Please note that you will need to hire your own table cloths if you choose this venue only option.

Liability

Please note that any items left in the marquee and barn are done so at the clients risk. The Friars/ Aylesford Priory Ltd is not liable for any loss or damage of the clients' catering equipment, crockery, cutlery glasses, linen, decorations, wedding gifts etc.



The Friars Bar

By hiring the North Barn, you are required to use The Friars Bar. The bar is situated in the first alcove (nearest the marquee) and payment can be made with cash or card. The bar is available from 6.00pm until 11.30pm. A minimum spend of £500 will be required. The bar is a bottle only bar. Please note that on North Barn hire only we use plastic glasses behind the bar and the bar staff are unable to clear the tables of glasses, etc.

Toilets

For the North Barn our toilets are in a separate building a few meters from the barn. Our grounds are open to the public all year round and so toilet facilities are shared.

Music

You are responsible for hiring your own entertainment. Music must cease at 11.30pm and the barn must be cleared by midnight. We ask all our clients to please respect that The Friars is foremost a place of Pilgrimage and Retreat and request that the music is kept to an acceptable level.

Photographs

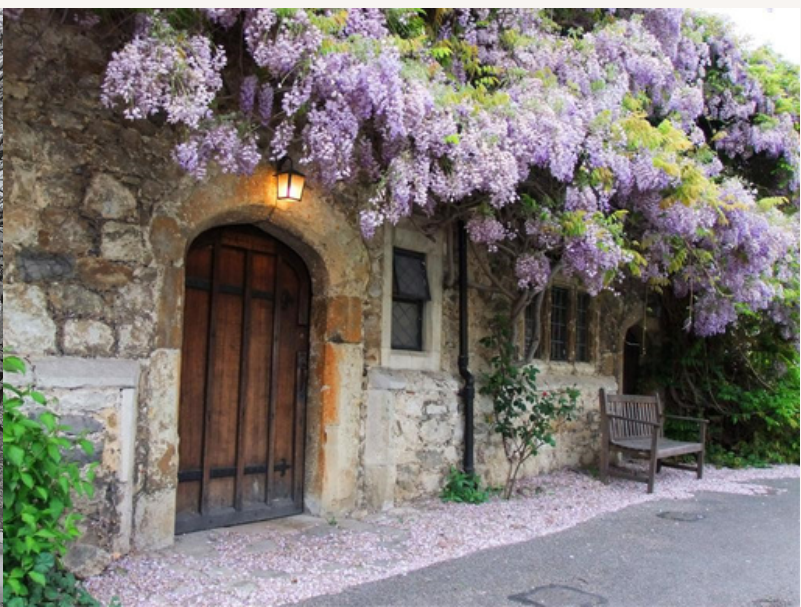
Photographs are permitted in the barn, forecourt area and pond lawn but *not* in the Shrine Area, Rosary Way, Peace Garden, Chapels or Residential areas. Unfortunately we cannot allow confetti to be thrown / used in any areas of The Friars.

Car Parking

There is ample free hard standing parking available for wedding guests. However, cars are not permitted to park on site overnight. Camper vans, camping and caravans are not permitted. Car parking is not permitted on the barn forecourt as this is a public area.

Accommodation

The Friars has a guesthouse providing basic but comfortable rooms. Bed and breakfast can be booked for your guests subject to availability. A viewing of bedrooms can be arranged.



Pilgrims' Hall Package (Based on 50 guests)

	2024	2025	2026
Saturday	£8500	£8900	£9300
Thursday, Friday and Sunday	£8200	£8600	£9000
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	£7900	£8300	£8700

Twilight Package (Based on 50 guests)

	2024	2025	2026
Saturday	£5600	£5800	£6000
Thursday, Friday and Sunday	£5400	£5600	£5800
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	£5200	£5400	£5600

North Barn - Hire only rates

	2024	2025	2026
Saturday	£2650	£2800	£2950
Thursday, Friday and Sunday	£2350	£2500	£2650
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	£2100	£2200	£2350



Prices are subject to change at the discretion of Aylesford Priory Ltd.

Wedding Breakfast Menu

Choice of Starter

Seasonal soup of your choice served with a roll and butter (ve gf)
Melon and Pomegranate cocktail served with grenadine syrup (ve gf)
Cheese and Mango paté served with salad and melba toast (v)

Choice of Main Course

Slow cooked roast beef in red wine jus with shallots and mushrooms served with seasonal vegetables
Rosemary roasted breast of chicken with pancetta, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and a rich gravy
Poached salmon fillets in a honey glaze, garnished with cranberries served with buttered new potatoes and seasonal vegetables
Homemade Vegetarian loaf (contains nuts) served with seasonal vegetables (ve)

Choice of Dessert

Baked vanilla cheesecake with caramel sauce and strawberry garnish served with cream (v)
Raspberry and hazelnut meringue with cream (contains nuts) (v gf)
Traditional homemade apple pie served with creamy custard (v)
Seasonal fresh fruit salad served with plant based cream (ve)

To Finish

Fresh tea and coffee served with chocolate mints



Buffet Menu A

Finger Buffet

Selection of Wraps and Sandwiches
Cocktail Savoury Pastries
Mediterranean Chicken Bites with BBQ sauce
Mini Spring Rolls with a sweet chilli dip
Quiche Bites
Cocktail sausages in a honey and mustard dressing
Selection of Cakes and Pastries

Buffet Menu B

Fork Buffet

Platter of Cold Sliced Meats
Vegetarian Quiche
Coronation Chicken
Mixed Salad and Rice Salad
Jacket Wedges
Selection of homemade desserts

Please let us know of any dietary requirements, we cater for them all



Canapés

A choice of three canapés from the following selection

£9.75 per person

Mini Yorkshire pudding filled with beef and horseradish sauce

Skewers of baby tomato, mozzarella and basil

Chicken satay

Mini vol au vent filled with prawns in a Marie rose sauce

Blinis topped with cream cheese and smoked salmon

Pastry tartlets filled with turkey and cranberry sauce

Deep fried mozzarella balls

Butterfly king prawns in breadcrumbs

Haloumi brochettes

Mini vegetarian quiche

Sweet Bites

Mini chocolate brownie

Mini meringue with seasonal fruits

Mini chocolate eclairs



Additions and Extras

Menus and prices available upon request

- Wedding Fork Buffet £22.00 per person
- Additional Finger Buffet from £17.00 per person
 - Additional Canapés at £3.25 each
- Additional guests canapés £9.75 per person
 - Glass of Prosecco £5 per person
 - Welcome drink top up £5 per glass
- Additional Day Guests at £70 off peak and £75 peak, per person (please note that the Pilgrims' Hall can cater for up to 80 seated guests)
- Additional evening only guests at £15 per person (Please note that the North Barn can hold up 150 people)
- Additional Twilight guests at £45 off peak and £50 peak per person
 - Children – Day Guests at £25 per child (6 – 12 years)
 - Children – Evening only at £10 per child (6-12 years)

If there is anything that you feel is missing and would like to add to the magic of your most precious day, please ask your wedding coordinator who can determine if your request is possible.

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