

**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**SECOND SUNDAY
of LENT**

1st March 2026

Psalter - Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 7th March – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,
Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo.**

**Sat. 14th March – Nnenna Ezugwu, Chinoso Mion-Eddie, Stella Ugama,
Kelechi Onwodi, Nellie Malango.**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 1st March – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 8th March – Buendia Family

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel reading, Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him up a high mountain. While there a change comes over Jesus - he is transfigured and his face and clothes shine brightly. This transformation shows us what is in store for Jesus - death and resurrection.

We are shown the power of God's transforming love which can change lives, bringing light where there is darkness and hope where there is despair. It is easy to be afraid when we do not understand what is happening around us or when events seem to be out of our control, as the disciples were afraid on the mountain. But Jesus touched them on the shoulder, told them not to be afraid, and "when they raised their eyes they saw no one but Jesus."

Jesus also calls us not to be afraid of standing up for what we believe in, or to be afraid of reaching out to others. We are asked to open our eyes and look for Jesus in all people, those we meet and those who live thousands of miles away. In doing so, we come to recognise that all people around the world are our brothers and sisters with the same dignity, needs, hopes and dreams that we have.

During Lent we take stock of our lives and try to draw closer to God. We may choose to focus more on what is really important in our lives, rather than what society tries to tell us is important. We may spend more time looking outwards and listening to the needs of others, rather than pursuing our own individual desires without considering the consequences. We all have a role to play in transforming our own lives as well as enabling people in poverty to transform theirs. In this way we can help to bring about a world where all people may reach their full potential and live life to the full.

With every blessing and prayers for this Season of Lent

Fr John

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**THIS SUNDAY, 1st MARCH
4.30 – 6.30 p.m.**

**You are welcome to come and
spend time in prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament**

✠ **JEAN BEASLEY RIP**

It is with sadness that we pray for the repose of the soul of
Jean Beasley
who died peacefully at home on Thursday 12th February.

We pray for Jean and for her husband, Larry, who died recently and
whose funeral was only a few weeks ago.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

***Jean's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Felix
on Tuesday 3rd March at 2.00 p.m.***

*You are welcome to come and pray for Jean,
and with and for her family.*

✠ **MGR. PETER LEEMING RIP**

Please pray for Mgr. Peter Leeming who died peacefully last week
at Montana Care Home in Great Barton. May he rest in peace and
rise in glory.

Mgr. Peter served our Diocese for 49 years and retired from St
Mary's in Thetford after many years of service to many parish
communities across our Diocese, and especially serving our school
communities for many years.

Please remember Peter in your prayers and all his brother priests,
and many friends, at this time. Details for Mgr. Peter's funeral will
be published when they are known.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CAR PARKING AT ST FELIX CHURCH
FOR SUNDAY MASS

When parking for Sunday Mass please do not:
block other cars in the car park,
or the access from the road to the church,
or the turning circle directly outside the church doors.
These areas are needed to allow access to the church in
case of an emergency.

There are 34 parking spaces and 2 disabled parking spaces,
so a total of 36 parking spaces in the church car park.
Once these car park spaces are full please park in the
roads around the church (making sure not to block our
neighbours' drives) or on School Lane and in the parking
area outside
St Felix School (5-10 minute walk away from church).

VOLUNTEER CAR PARK MARSHALLS NEEDED:

on Sunday mornings from 9.30 a.m.

If you are willing to volunteer to help with parking at church on
a Sunday morning please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw as
soon as possible.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note:

It is a requirement of The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency [CSSA], which is our churches national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church must always be accompanied by an adult.

LENT CHALLENGE

HOW ABOUT GIVING UP PLASTIC FOR LENT?

...Well, some of it at least...

The results of the 2024 *'The Big Plastic Count'* show that:

- UK households throw away an estimated 1.7 billion pieces of plastic a week – that's 90 billion pieces a year.
- The UK tops the chart for plastic waste per person – second only to the USA!

During this Lenten season of challenge, reflection, reconciliation and prayer let us each take action to reduce the plastic waste we produce to show our love and gratitude for the gift of our earth, and to protect and sustain our common home and all life that shares it.

Some practical suggestions; please share yours...

- ✓ Stop buying drinks in disposable cups and plastic bottles.
Take drinks with you by using a travel mug or reusable water bottle.
- ✓ Always bring your own bags for shopping. Decline plastic bags if offered for your purchases
- ✓ Buy loose fruit, salad and vegetables as often as possible.
- ✓ Use non-plastic containers for food - lunches, left-overs, freezing, storage, take-out, travelling....
- ✓ Support refill shops
- ✓ Buy liquids in largest sizes and then refill your empty bottle as needed.
- ✓ Use bar soap instead of liquid hand soap.
- ✓ When you need to replace plastic household items try to get a non-plastic alternative eg glass, metal, wood, bamboo.
- ✓ Donate to and purchase from charity shops.
- ✓ Buy clothing made from natural fibres.

The 2026 Big Plastic Count takes place on 9th-15th March. If you want to help gather important evidence on the true scale of the plastic problem in the UK you can sign up at

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

Parish J&P Group.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

God our Father, we pray for the many people who have asked for our prayers; for their healing and their peace. Hold them, shelter them and keep them in your tender care. Comfort those who grieve and give courage to those who are fearful. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

- Please pray for people requesting prayers in our 'Intentions Book'. Particularly remember those who are ill and those caring for them.
- Please continue to pray for lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people living in any form of poverty. Remember the work of REACH and everyone associated in any way.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by effects of climate change. Pray that everyone will do what they can to protect & nurture Creation.
- Pray that all producers of food and commodities receive just treatment and fair recompense for their labour and products.
- Pray for migrants and refugees that they will receive just and compassionate help.
- Pray for prisoners, their families and those who work with them. Remember especially all those associated with HMP Highpoint.
- Pray for our children preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion and our young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and their families.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn. Huw, the people of our parish, particularly those in care and nursing homes, and the staff and pupils of St Felix School.

Pray for all the people we know and love who have died.

Remember their families and all who grieve.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Cyrus La Rose, Patricius Guiton, Doris Fish, Maria Ramsey,
Charles Barker, Lilian Sizer, Frederick Gore, Josephine Scullion,
Eva Wilkinson, Margaret Forth.**

During Lent we are asked to pray for:

**Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry of the World,
World Day of Prayer, Penitents and Wanderers**

Pope Leo asks us to join him in March in prayer for disarmament and peace. We pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Tickets going fast -
Get yours now**



**A CONCERT FOR
REACH**

Date: **THURSDAY 30TH APRIL 2026**
Venue: **HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE, CB9 8AR**
Time: **7.30 p.m.**
Tickets: **£15.00**

Tickets are available through Haverhill Arts Centre website:
<https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/performance/a-concert-for-reach/>

or by phoning: **01440 714140** or going to the Arts Centre

ALL PROCEEDS TO REACH.

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday 1st

March

Team 5

MARIA and ADARSH

Sunday 8th

March

Team 6

ABRAHAM and MALCOLM

Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026



865 - Here I Am Lord

605 - Take Our Bread

**898 - Make Me A Channel of Your
Peace**

883 - Christ Be Our Light

Next choir practice - Tuesday 3rd March, 7 p.m.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1st READING	2nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 28 th February	JO	VIOLET	MURRY
Sunday 1 st March	Children's Mass - no readers needed		Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 7 th March	LINDA	JENNA	ANNE
Sunday 8 th March	DAVE	SUE	Sign-up sheet In narthex

ST FELIX DAY QUIZ NIGHT - POSTPONED

We were hoping to celebrate our Parish and School Patron Saint,
Saint Felix of Dunwich
whose feast day is on 8th March
with our St Felix Day Quiz Night on 6th March.

**Unfortunately we have had to postpone our Quiz Night.
but will rearrange the evening later in the year.**

NEED HELP DURING the ON-GOING COST of LIVING CRISIS?

Please speak to Fr. John or you can contact



Get in touch. Our friendly team of advisers are on hand to help you, so please do get in touch:

0800 009 6710

info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

Contact hours: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

February 2026

TOP 5 Items needed this week:

1. Tea
2. Coffee
3. Noodles
4. Tinned tomatoes
5. Tinned meat

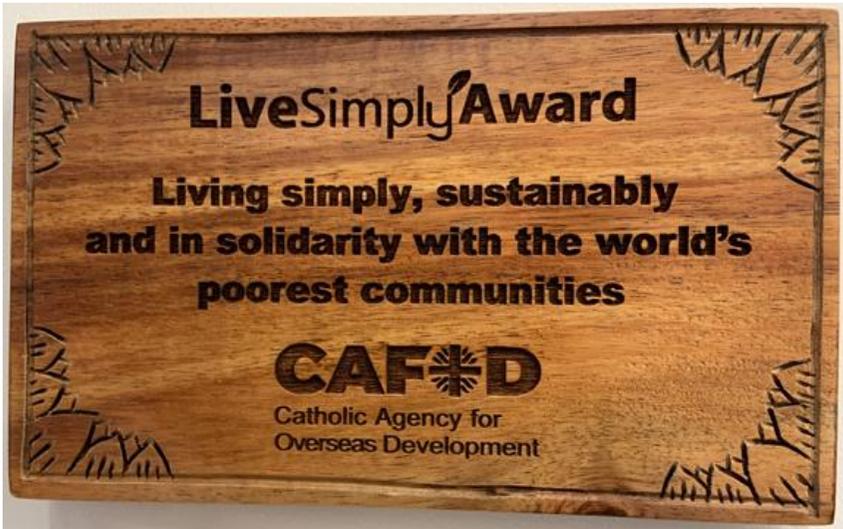
Thank you to everyone that supports the foodbank through the donation of food, money or time!

The logo for Haverhill Foodbank features a stylized 'H' icon followed by the text "Haverhill Foodbank" and the tagline "Together with Trussard" below it.

St Felix's Parish, Haverhill gains the LiveSimply Award.

St Felix's Parish in Haverhill has become the seventh parish in East Anglia Diocese to receive the Live Simply Award.

Supported by the Bishops of England and Wales and run by CAFOD, the award enables Catholic parishes and schools to respond to – what *Laudato Si* describes as – ‘the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor’. through living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with others.



Our award is on display in the narthex.

**It is a sign of our achievement,
but also a reminder for each of us to continue living simply,
sustainably and in solidarity with people who are in need,
in as many ways as we can.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 1 st March	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY- CHILDREN'S MASS		

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026



CHOIR PRACTICES

On Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in church, our choir will be rehearsing the music for the Seasons of Lent and Easter. You are welcome to come along to learn some new, and practice some well-known, music and hymns for these special celebrations.

LENT HOUSE MASSES

This Lent you can offer to host one of our weekly Lent House Masses. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. If you are able to offer your home to welcome people to come to celebrate with you on one of the following dates, please speak to Fr John as soon as possible.

Wednesday 11th March,

Wednesday 25th March.

Thank you

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church on Fridays at 9.30 a.m. before the 10 a.m. Mass and on Good Friday evening - 3rd April at 7.30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to come along.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR LENT

During Lent our Children's Liturgy Group will help our children to prepare for Easter during our 10 a.m. Sunday Masses.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTIONS

The collection of CAFOD Lent Fast Day donations will be on Saturday 28th February & Sunday 1st March at Mass.

CHILDREN'S MASS FOR LENT – SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 10 a.m.

All are welcome to come and pray with our children and their families at our Children's Mass for Lent

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Focus country – NIGERIA

Theme – *'I Will Give You Rest: Come'*

Service; St Mary's Church, Haverhill, 12 noon.

PARISH FEAST DAY OF ST FELIX – 8TH MARCH

Come and celebrate our Parish Saint over the weekend of
7th & 8th March at our Sunday Masses

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS
SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

to celebrate our Parish and School Feast Day of St Felix.

Our Filipino Community will be providing refreshments after Mass.
All are welcome to stay for a chat, drink and a snack.

DEANERY STATION MASS – TUESDAY 10TH MARCH. 7.00 P.M.

**Bishop Peter will celebrate our Deanery Station Mass
in the Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda,
14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT**

Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be available after Mass.

All are welcome to come and celebrate with clergy and parishioners
from across our Deanery.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Lent there will be an opportunity to celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
each Saturday from 5.45 p.m to 6.15 p.m
or by arrangement with Fr John.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
THURSDAY 26TH MARCH AT 7.30 P.M.

We welcome some of our local priests
to celebrate our Lent Reconciliation Service with us.

Please come along to pray together
and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026

PALM SUNDAY – 28TH/29TH MARCH

(Please note that the clocks will move forward 1 hour to move us to British Summer Time at 1a.m on Sunday 29th March)

Mass at St Felix Church – Saturday 28th March, 6.30 p.m

Mass at St Felix Church – Sunday 29th March, 10.00 a.m

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 31ST MARCH

Chrim Mass – 11.30 a.m.

in St John's Cathedral, Norwich

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 1ST APRIL

Mass at St Felix Church – 10.00 a.m

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2ND APRIL



Children's Service – 3 p.m.
in St Felix Church

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – 7.30 p.m.

in St. Felix Church.

Watching until 10.30pm ending with
Night Prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY – 3RD APRIL



Ecumenical Procession of Witness
10.00 a.m.

from the Old Independent Church,
Hamlet Road, CB9 8EE
to the Market Square joining with fellow
Christians for an
Act of Worship in Haverhill.

GOOD FRIDAY cont. – 3RD APRIL



Children's Service for Good Friday – 12 noon
in St Felix Church

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION – 3.00 p.m

in St Felix Church

Stations of the Cross – 7.30 p.m
in St Felix Church,

HOLY SATURDAY – 4th APRIL



THE EASTER VIGIL – 8.00 p.m

in St Felix Church

EASTER SUNDAY – 5th APRIL



MASS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

10.00 a.m.

In St. Felix Church

DONA CARD MACHINE PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that you are able to make the following donations to our Parish via our Dona Card Machine in the narthex: **Sunday Collection, Special Collections and Second Collections, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations.**

Reflections to inform our thoughts, prayers and actions on
'Living Simply'

**From Pope Leo's Message for Lent 2026, 13.02.26
Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

.....I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgment, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/publico/2026/02/13/260213d.html>

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 21st/22nd February 2026

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £551.62

Total: **£972.62**

Upcoming Special and Second Collections

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

Saturday 28th February / Sunday 1st March

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

ST FELIX MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

[Masses celebrated in church are also live-streamed]

The link for our Live-Streamed Masses via our YouTube channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEHq3Ww93rfGfMGzXS25A2w/>

[Sunday readings – Year A, Weekday readings Year II]

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

Saturday 28th February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Trevor Weed RIP*

Sunday 1st March: **10.00 a.m. Children's Mass for Lent**
People of the Parish

Second Week of Lent

Tuesday 3rd March: 10.00 a.m. Mass
2.00 p.m. Funeral Mass for Jean Beasley

Wednesday 4th March: 10.00 a.m. Mass *George RIP*

Thursday 5th March: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Felix INT.*

Friday 6th March: *9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross.*
10.00 a.m. Mass *Ned Noone RIP*
12 noon World Day of Prayer Service
St. Mary's Church. Haverhill

THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

Saturday 7th March: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Victor INT.*

Sunday 8th March: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
on Saturday evenings from 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.**

**If you need to speak with myself or Deacon Huw,
please call me on 01440 702156 or
Deacon Huw on 07399 163718.**

Wishing you and your families every blessing and prayers
Fr John and Deacon Huw