



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**JESUS CHRIST,
KING of the UNIVERSE
Youth Day**

23rd November 2025

Psalter – Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Sat. 29th November – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan,
Helen Burns**

Saturday 6th December – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 23rd November – Buendia Family

Sunday 30th November – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field

Dear Friends,

On this, the final weekend of the Church's year, we celebrate the Kingship of Christ, but what sort of Kingship is it that we're celebrating? Our Gospel reading gives us a vivid picture to reflect on.

We might expect to see power and authority on display but instead we have a naked and scarred body. His crown has no jewels, only vicious thorns. On his hands there are no rings of power, just the nails which fix him to a wooden cross - no golden throne. There are no courtiers or servants around him - just two criminals sharing his fate and an assorted crowd of soldiers and ghoulish spectators who taunt and mock him and very few of his followers.

This picture of Kingship turns traditional kingship upside down. It reaches out to us calling us to offer ourselves to Christ the King and to realise what a difference this would make to our lives: Christ's kingship will make all the difference when things seem out of control, chaotic and heading from bad to worse.

As we follow our pilgrim route through life, experiencing highs and lows, we know that we will have a companion alongside us: Christ the King, who is also the Son of Man, who knows what it is to be human; Christ on the cross, suffering with us and who will show understanding and compassion when the going gets tough. He will be present with us, empathising and comforting, when we feel most alone and isolated.

Dcn Huw ☺

The celebration of **Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** leads us into the **Season of Advent** which begins next weekend and is also a time of preparation for the Golden Jubilee Year of our Diocese of East Anglia.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**FIRST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH**

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY

In England and Wales, World Youth Day 2025 is celebrated on the Feast of Christ, the Universal King – this weekend.

The theme for World Youth day is

‘You also are my witnesses’ (John 15:27)

“Dear young people, aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. Then you will see the light of the Gospel grow every day, within you and around you.”

Pope Leo XIV.

Message to young people at Tor Vergata for the Jubilee of Youth

Please pray for young people and all who work with them, and please do take a Youth Service newsletter from the table in the narthex which explains more about the work of our Diocesan Youth Service. If you would like to give financially to support this valuable ministry in our Diocese, you can do this online at www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

YOUNG WOMEN’S RETREAT: 6th - 8th March 2026

The Diocesan Youth Service is organising a retreat in York during Lent, for young women (age 18 - 35).

For more information and to book a place, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth . As available places are limited acceptance is on a first come, first served basis

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN 2026

If you are in **year 9 or above at school** you may wish to think about confirmation. You do not have to commit to being confirmed at this stage.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a sign that a person has reached maturity and is now able to take responsibility for their own faith. It also strengthens and deepens the connection to the Church that is established at baptism.

If you would like to take part in the preparation course please contact Deacon Huw for an application form.

**Completed applications to be received by
Dcn. Huw by 30th November 2025 -
NEXT WEEKEND**



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

TAKE JOY IN SIMPLICITY:

The nicest and sweetest days are not necessarily those in which anything very spectacular or wonderfully exciting happens, but those that bring simple pleasures, such as the sun sinking like a gold coin into the pocket of night.

from: 'God's Little Book of Calm; words of peace and refreshment'
by Richard Daly. (HarperCollins Publishers 2013)

ST STEPHEN'S GUILD OF ALTAR SERVERS



Our Altar Servers belong to the Guild of St Stephen. After 1 year of serving on the altar they receive a medal as a sign of their service. This weekend at our Sunday Masses we will welcome new members to the Guild of St Stephen.

Please pray for all who serve on the Altar and we thank all our Altar Servers for their dedication and commitment to service to our parish family each week.

PRAYING FOR HOLY SOULS

Envelopes for intentions for Holy Souls during November are available in the narthex

A basket will be put on the font for you to place your envelope containing the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray, with any donation you wish to make.

All these intentions will be offered at Masses during the month of November,

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parish who are grieving and all those families who have lost loved ones in the past year.

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 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:

**Peggy Lovejoy, Brigid Williams, Stanley Sloper, Francis Boyle,
Ellen Guinivan, Thomas Ryall, Annie Cooney, Jenny Cowap,
Horace Gorman, Mary McHugh**

During Autumn we are asked to pray for:

The Harvest, The Care of Creation, Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families, All Victims of War and Young People.

Pope Leo asks us to join him in November in praying for the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS Catalogue 2025
available in the narthex.

Full range of gifts available online:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/all>



ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Sunday 23rd
November**

Team 3
HELEN and RAYMOND

**Sunday 30th
November**

Team 4
RACHEL and IAN

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

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 22 November	ASWIN	ASIN	ANGELA
Sunday 23 November	RAYMOND	ALICE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
	SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR A		
Saturday 29 November	LINDA	KAREN	MURRY
Sunday 30 November	ASIN	ASWIN	Sign – up sheet in narthex

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.



November 2025

**Items needed
this week:**

1. Tea
2. Sponge puddings
3. Tinned Vegetables
4. Tinned Meat
5. Tinned potatoes

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
23 rd November	ANGELA WILSON	1. Nellie Malango 2. 3.	12

Children's Liturgy is for children in Reception Class and Years 1, 2 and 3 so they can hear the Word of God adapted to their age group. Younger children and/or those with additional needs are welcome to attend with an adult. Children who have made their First Holy Communion should not attend Children's Liturgy but stay to hear the Liturgy of the Word in church.

We are always looking for more adult helpers. If you would like to assist us please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

Thank you. Angela Wilson.

HYMNS for SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER



325 – Christ is Our King

321 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

772 – Lord Jesus Christ

787 – Sing it in the Valleys

Next choir practice – Tuesday 25th November, 7.00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our parish and others in the Bury St Edmund deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a

[Caritas East Anglia Festival](#) on Saturday 6 December 2025

at St Edmund, King and Martyr Church,,
21 Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QG.
from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

If there are charitable social actions or organisations, i.e., people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see, or think should be represented at the Festival, particularly if you are involved in them yourself, please e-mail your ideas to caritas@rcdea.org.uk now.

The festival will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 12.15 p.m. with prayer and reflection on the day. ALL WELCOME to attend for part of, or the whole event.

For more information and if you are able to take part please speak to Fr John



DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE 2026

Next year our Diocese of East Anglia will celebrate its Golden Jubilee.

As part of these celebrations each Parish has been asked to celebrate the past 50 years of the parish. So we at St Felix can celebrate this we need a couple of people to volunteer to gather information and look through our parish archives to set up a couple of celebrations during the year of our Diocesan Jubilee 2026.

One person has come forward to help – a couple more people would be great. Our PPC has begun to find some information for our Parish so if you are interested in helping with this please speak to Fr John or email him at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk .
Thank you

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS 2025

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



In Advent God invites us to share his goodness and love. All we must do is be alert and watch, and not miss it. Unfortunately, sometimes our world is not watchful, or alert and we miss moments when God is present to us. Sometimes we miss the call of God, we miss God at work in the poverty and struggles of the people of the world. As individuals or as a society, we wander away from God and God's values. The question is: "why?"

In these times and in the season of Advent we try to reflect and try to be watchful and alert so we can encounter God's love for each one of us. There are so many pressures and values around trying to prevent us being what God wants us to be, but in Advent we are invited to hope, to rejoice in the spirit and to love the gifts which we will receive again from the new-born Jesus at Christmas.

As Christians we are always called to be people of hope. We are called to open our eyes to the needs of others especially in this season of Advent - the season of hope, expectation, love and joy.

As we begin Advent we will bless and light our Advent wreath, reminding us of our journey ahead through the coming season and leading us to the light of the world, Jesus, born for us at Christmas.

ADVENT AT ST FELIX

CHOIR PRACTICES

Each Tuesday evening of Advent at 7 p.m. in church our choir will be practicing the hymns and music for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to join our choir and learn and sing the music of Advent and Christmas you are very welcome to come along.

CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

During Advent there will be a sheet in the narthex for your suggestions for Christmas Carols to be sung over Christmas and the Christmas season. We may not be able to sing all of them but please write your favourite carols on the sheet provided and we will do our best to sing as many of them as possible. Thank you.

ADVENT HOUSE MASSES

House Masses will be celebrated at **7.30 p.m.** If you are able to offer your home to welcome people to celebrate with you on one of these dates, **please speak to Fr John as soon as possible.** Thank you.

Available dates:- **Thursday 4th December,**
Thursday 11th December,
Thursday 18th December

CAROLS BEFORE 'MIDNIGHT' MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

There will be carols to sing together with time for personal reflection at **9.30 p.m.** before our 'Midnight' Mass. All are welcome.

HAVERHILL CHURCHES TOGETHER

NATIVITY AND CAROLS

Saturday 29TH November, 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon
outside St Mary's Church, Haverhill High Street.

also a LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP inside St Mary's Church.

The lanterns will reflect the theme, 'Jesus, Light of the World', and will be used by Churches Together in the carnival later in the evening.

HAVERHILL CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL – 4.30 p.m.

If you would like to join the Carnival come dressed on the theme of 'light'.

HAVERHILL CHURCHES TOGETHER cont.

CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 3rd December, 7.00 p.m.
St. Mary's Church, Haverhill High Street.

LIGHT UP A LIFE

Saturday 13th December, 3.00 p.m.

St Mary's Church, Haverhill High Street.

Hosted by St Nicholas Hospice Care and Haverhill Churches.
Come together to reflect, remember and celebrate those who are special to us. If you wish, donations may be made to the work of St Nicholas Hospice Care.

CHRISTMAS AT ST FELIX

CHRISTMAS EVE – Wednesday 24th December

Children's Mass for Christmas – 5.00 p.m.

Midnight Mass – 10.00 p.m. Preceded by Carols – 9.30 p.m.



CHRISTMAS DAY – Thursday 25th December

Mass for Christmas Day – 10.00 a.m.

There will be NO Mass on Friday 26th December.

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th December

Masses on Saturday at 6.30 p.m. and Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

FEAST of MARY, HOLY MOTHER of GOD

Wednesday 1st January 2026

11.00 a.m. – Mass for Peace followed by 'Bring & Share' Lunch.

FEAST of the EPIPHANY
Tuesday 6th January 2026
Masses at 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

COLLECTION of PERSONAL CARE ITEMS for REACH.

During Advent and Christmas, until the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (January 6th), we will again make a collection of personal care items to donate to REACH.

Please buy one or two items during the coming weeks of Advent and Christmas. Keep your personal care gifts at home and bring them to church on the Feast of the Epiphany so that they can be collected together with everyone else's gifts to be donated to REACH.



Items for:

Men's personal care - women's personal care - baby care -
bathing/showering - dental/oral care - hair care etc

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 15th/16th October 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00
Collection: £562.70
Total: **£983.70**

£75 for our 100 Club

Second Collections Coming Up

13th/14th December – Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

A collection will be taken for this fund which supports our retired priests, those who are ill and those no longer active in ministry. Please keep them all in your prayers and give thanks for their years of ministry in our diocese.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

Dona Card Machine Payments

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

Thank you

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

PLEASE NOTE NEW E.MAIL ADDRESS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

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

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 c, Weekday readings Year I]

JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE – YOUTH DAY

Saturday 22nd November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *George Lundy RIP*

Sunday 23rd November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 25th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Thanksgiving for Blessings
-Sharon Rodrigues*

Wednesday 26th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Nora Hanley RIP*

Thursday 27th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Friday 28th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Michael Flanagan RIP*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

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

Saturday 29th November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Derek Cutler RIP*

Sunday 30th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

**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