



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**THE BAPTISM
of the LORD**

11th January 2026

Psalter - Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 17th January – Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

Saturday 24th January – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,

Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo.

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 11th January – Buendia Family

Sunday 18th January – Jose Family & Ron White

Dear Friends,

Today's feast marks both an ending and a beginning. It is the final celebration of the Christmas period, and yet it is also the first Sunday of 'Ordinary Time'.

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is an appropriate occasion to mark the change from Christmastide to Ordinary Time. Jesus' baptism by John, which we hear about in this weekend's Gospel, marks the beginning of Christ's active ministry, and reaches its climax in the testimony of the Father as to the identity of the Son: Jesus Christ is the true Son of God, the beloved Son, with whom the Father is well pleased.

Jesus was not born simply in order to exist, to be God incarnate. He was born to serve. As he himself says, the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve. The ministry of Christ, in which he gives his life for us, is what a human life looks like when that life is lived by one whose existence is perfect love.

Today's gospel is the beginning of a journey, which, through our own baptism, each of us is called to travel. It is a journey full of purpose: to serve God, pursue justice, care for the vulnerable, and build His kingdom.

Dcn. Huw ☺

† LARRY BEASLEY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Larry Beasley who died peacefully last weekend.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Please also remember Larry's wife, Jean, and all his family at this time.

Details of Larry's funeral will be published when they are known.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

This weekend our children who are preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion in our Parish later this year will begin, with their families, their time of preparation.

Next Sunday at our 10 a.m. Mass we will celebrate a special Welcome Mass for our First Holy Communion Children and their families. This will be a Children's Mass. Please come and celebrate with them, and pray for them and their families.



HYMNS FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD - 11.01.26



469 - God You Call Us to This Place

874 - Take My Life and Let It Be

302 - Breathe on Me Breath of God

**801 - Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling**

NEW LED LIGHTING IN CHURCH

Over the next couple of months we will be having LED Lighting installed inside church. Our external lighting has already been updated to LED lights. *This will continue to help reduce our carbon footprint, as well as our electricity costs.* We are also looking into the possibility of Solar Panels being fitted to the church roof.

The church will be closed from Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st January for the first stage of new LED lights to be fitted. This will involve replacing the existing light bulbs and fluorescent strip lights. Further work on the main body of the church will take place in February.

CRIB APPEAL



Thank you for your generous donations for the Crib Appeal. The total raised will be published in next week's newsletter. This will be sent, via the diocese, to the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem. His Beatitude, the Patriarch, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa has tirelessly worked with the whole peoples of the Middle East, petitioning for peace, compromise and goodwill in the region. He is a recognised figure in the negotiations and brings about a serenity and neutrality to the proceedings.

He has visited Gaza frequently, especially Fr Gabriel's parish of the Holy Family in Gaza and offered his prayers, encouragement and support. In sending money directly to his care, he will ensure that the charity is distributed to places where it is most needed - whether that be in Gaza or the West Bank.

Thank you again.

Discover how Caritas is responding to conflict in Ukraine.

Henry Wilson Smith CAFOD Ukraine Emergency Programme Officer will be talking about his work.

On: Saturday 17 January 2026

Time: Coffee from 10.30am, talk starting at 10.45am, finishing at noon.

At: St George's Parish Hall, Sprowston Rd, Norwich NR3 4HZ

Mass in the church at 10am, plenty of parking

All welcome

This event has been jointly organised by Caritas East Anglia and CAFOD in East Anglia.



 **caritas**
east anglia

 **CAFOD** A better world
needs all of us

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:

**Joan Fennessy, Peggy Magill, Maureen Chinn, Mary McClellan,
Thomas Glancy, Pauline Minns, Francine Wilson, Ada Mahoney,
Derek Cutler, Chervon Fitzpatrick, Clifford James.**

During Winter up to Lent we are asked to pray for:

Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Openness to the Word of God, Racial Justice, Victims of Trafficking, People who are Sick and Those Who Care for Them and People Who are Unemployed.

Pope Leo asks us to join him in January in prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Once again Marie and I have decided to hold a fund raising Concert in aid of **REACH**. The last one was three years ago and was a great success raising over £2000. This year we are aiming higher and are helped by *Haverhill Arts Centre providing the venue and services completely free of charge.*

Title: ***A CONCERT FOR REACH***

Date: ***THURSDAY THE 30TH OF APRIL 2026***

Venue: ***HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE,
High Street, Haverhill, CB9 8AR***

Time: ***7.30 p.m.***

Tickets: ***£15.00***

We have a top class professional bill providing the entertainment. Everyone involved is giving their services completely free with all proceeds going to REACH. Last time we had a lively contingent from St Felix. Please come again and we'll give you a mention!

Tickets are available through the Haverhill Arts Centre website:

<https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/performance/a-concert-for-reach/>

or by phoning: **01440 714140**

David Caulfield

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday 11 th January	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN
Sunday 18 th January	Team 5 MALCOLM and MARIA
<p><i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i></p>	

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 10th January	LINDA	VIOLET	MURRY
Sunday 11 th December	ADEMIDE	SALLY	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 17 th January	ASWIN	ASIN	ANNE
Sunday 18 th January			Sign-up sheet In narthex

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**FIRST SUNDAY
of EACH MONTH**

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 11 th January	ANGELA WILSON	1. 2. 3.	?

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.

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

Living lightly is not just about the stuff we accumulate; and it's not just for people in the second half of life. It's about an attitude of living with fewer burdens and encumbrances, whether you are twenty one or sixty five. When done with honest self-awareness, the journey toward living more lightly has moved me to realise that I am blessed by less. Less stuff and worries have opened space to live with more contentment and meaning. Living lightly reminds me that my existence is more than accumulating possessions and status. Ultimately, I am on a spiritual pilgrimage.

As I continue to strip away the unnecessary stuff in my closets and mind, I've been able to see more clearly how much is enough, and how much is more than enough. It's a delicate dance to balance my own genuine needs with those of others. The spiritual paradox is that the less tightly I cling to my stuff, my way, and my concerns, the happier and more blessed I feel. Once I have enough less is more.

If we believe that a Divine Presence brought all of creation into being and it was good, then it follows that this God loves us unconditionally and sees our goodness despite our human failings. God's love for us is not dependent on our possessions, appearance, or accomplishments.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC)

Our next PPC meeting takes place on
Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 7 p.m. in St Felix Church.

All are welcome to come to the meeting.
Any questions or matters for discussion can be placed in the box
for the PPC on the table in the narthex in church.

OUR EPIPHANY GIFTS for REACH.

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to our annual collection of personal care items to donate to REACH. They were delivered to REACH for the Feast of the Epiphany.

Thank you also to Linda and the members of our Justice and Peace Group for all the work in preparing for the collection and to those who helped to sort and deliver the gifts to REACH.



*Our donations ready for delivery.
They weighed-in at REACH at 107 kilos.
Well done everyone!*

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 3rd /4th January 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£545.48
Total:	£966.48

Forthcoming Special and Second Collections

PAX CHRISTI – PEACE SUNDAY 17th/18th JANUARY 2026

Peace Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 18th January.

The Bishops' Conference encourages us to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January.

Pope Leo's theme for his message is

'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'.

On Peace Sunday, we will be taking a collection to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools.

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

DECEMBER 100 CLUB WINNERS



1st prize £150 - COLLETTE HILLS [4]

2nd prize £100 - J. A. BARKER [40]

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/UCCEHq3Ww93rfGfMGzXS25A2w/>

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

FEAST of THE BAPTISM of THE LORD

Saturday 10th January: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 11th January: 10.00 a.m. Mass *John Shepherd RIP*

First Week of the Year

Tuesday 13th January: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday 14th January: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Thursday 15th January: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Friday 16th January: ***Memorial of St. Fursey***

10.00 a.m. Mass *Serban Family Int.*

SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – PEACE DAY

Saturday 17th January: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Joao (John) de Gouveia RIP*

Sunday 18th January: 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**