



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 9th February 2025

Psalter – Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Saturday 15th February – Angela Rymills, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts

Saturday 22nd February – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto, Zina Pereira

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 9th February – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 16th February – Jose Family

Dear Friends,

The readings for this weekend emphasize that God's call often comes in moments of human weakness or doubt. Isaiah, Paul, and Peter all experience a profound sense of unworthiness, yet God's grace transforms them and empowers them for their missions.

Isaiah emphasizes that God calls individuals despite their imperfections and equips them for His mission. Paul's letter highlights the transformative power of God's grace, which can work through even the most unlikely individuals. The Gospel highlights the themes of trust, obedience, and the call to mission, even in the face of personal inadequacy.

Each of these passages reminds us that our inadequacies do not disqualify us from serving God; rather, they provide an opportunity for His grace to shine through. In our own lives, we may feel unworthy or ill-equipped to answer God's call. Yet, these readings encourage us to trust in God's providence and respond with faith and obedience knowing that He will equip us for the tasks He sets before us. Whether in our families, workplaces, or communities, we are called to be witnesses of God's love and mercy. Like Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, we are invited to say, "Here I am; send me!" and to trust that God will provide the strength and guidance we need.

Dcn Huw 😊

JANUARY 100 CLUB WINNERS



***First prize £150 - MIKE BRADSHAW [32]
Second prize £100 - MICHELLE BARKER [61]***



HAVERHILL YOUTH AND COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS
YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE

**At HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE
on Sunday 16th February – 4.00 p.m.**

Haverhill Youth and Community Band,
with U3A Singing For Pleasure group,
present a concert to raise funds for the
Polished Brass Trust, which helps young Haverhill brass and
percussion musicians with the cost of music exams.

Experience an afternoon of music featuring
many talented young players as soloists.

Tickets: Standard - £9.00, Under 18 - £4.00

Contact the Arts Centre to book or use the link below

<https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/performance/haverhill-youth-community-band-2025/>

St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day 8th February

Santa Marta Group
santamartagroup.org

@santamarta-group @santamartagroup



*“Human trafficking is a crime
against humanity. We must unite
our efforts to free victims and
stop this crime”*

- Pope Francis

If you see someone in danger,
call the police. If you have concerns, or want to
report anonymously, call Crimestoppers

☎ 999 ☎ 0800 555 111

For more information go to
santamartagroup.org/st-bakhita-day



ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

The feast day of **St Josephine Bakhita**, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, is celebrated on February 8th.

There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as “blood money” and a “crime against humanity”. We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to www.santamartagroup.org/resources

Also available in the narthex is a booklet produced by Caritas East Anglia. Please take a copy to raise awareness of this vital issue. . Further information about what is being, and can be done at Diocesan level around combatting slavery can be found at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/modern-slavery/>

The Norwich Justice and Peace group hosted a presentation on Modern Slavery on 6th February. You may watch the recording at <https://www.youtube.com/@JandPNorwich>

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', especially Linette Fernandes, Gisèle Marçhon and Dave Morgan who are ill and Elias Gomes who is now receiving end of life care.
- Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by the effects of climate change.
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to meet their needs, Remember the work of 'REACH' and its volunteers in your prayers.
- 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 the welcome and support they need from those to whom they turn for 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, and all the people of our parish, especially the pupils and staff of St Felix School and those who are housebound or being cared for in care or nursing homes.

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:

**Joseph Arastey, Mary Parker, Henry Hancox, Michael Waters, June Bidwell,
Patrick O'Flanagan, Patricia Plant, Frances Macgechan, Margaret Cozzi.**

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

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

In February Pope Francis asks us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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.



Items needed this week:

1. Milk (Long-life)
2. Coffee
3. Fruit juice
4. Sugar
5. Tinned vegetables

February 2025



Some Thoughts On 'Living Simply'

Taken from www.journeyto2030.org click on 'Home' and scroll down to 'New to all this?' section to access magazine *The Year of the Cockerel*, section 3. 'Acting'. [The whole website is worth exploring...]

'If someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple' - Pope Francis

Prayer:

Do we pray for our leaders? Or do we simply criticise them and blame them for our inaction? Do we pray for the changing of hearts and minds? We can pray to have a greater respect for all of God's creation, and forgiveness for our wastefulness of His gifts. Do we take time to delight in the beauty and wonder of nature and thank God for His gifts?

Pray for greater strength in giving up small comforts, to protect our common home. We pray for those who stand up for our planet, children and those in power alike. Using faith as a focus it helps us to 'read the signs of the times', and 'wake up' to reality.

What as Christians are we called to do in light of our current ecological and social crises?

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the first Sunday of the month, 4.30 p.m – 6.30 p.m.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
09.02.25	ANGELA WILSON	1. Nnenna Ezugwu 2. Christine White 3. David Summerville	24
16 th & 23 rd February	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY – HALF TERM <i>(next session Sunday 2nd March)</i>		

Children's Liturgy is for children who attend **Reception class and Years 1, 2 and 3**, so that 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 remain in the main church and not attend Children's Liturgy. We have a side room that can be used for younger children and their adult carer, if they need some space to move about.

The ratio of DBS-checked adults to children is 1:6 for our age group, so the number of children who are permitted to attend depends upon the number of adult helpers we have and the space available in the Narthex. We have a registration system before Mass where parents should sign their children in and they are given a registration card, which should be brought to the session on that day. Those without a card may need to be sent back to the main church if we are over-crowded. Children should register each time that they come to Mass.

We are always looking for more adult helpers, so if you would like to assist us and are willing to have a Disclosure and Barring Check please speak to Fr John or Angela Wilson.

Thank you for your co-operation. Angela Wilson

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

HYMNS for SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2025



875 - Here I Am Lord

877 - Will You Come and Follow Me

714 - Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord

863 - Follow Me, Follow Me

First choir practice in preparation for Lent and Easter

Tuesday 11th February at 7.00 p.m. in Church

Anyone who wishes to join with the choir on Sundays and at practices to learn new psalms/hymns and rehearse familiar ones is very welcome.

ST FELIX DAY QUIZ NIGHT

To celebrate our Parish and School Patron Saint, Saint Felix of Dunwich, whose feast day is on March 8th, you are invited to come to our St Felix Day Quiz Night

Friday 7th March, 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

**Kedington Community Centre
Great Meadow, Arms Lane, CB9 7QQ**

£2 per person (payment on the night).

Teams of 6, or come along and make a team on the night.

Please bring your own food and drink.

Please sign up for our Quiz Night this weekend using the form in the narthex.

Short Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Fr John will be in Lourdes for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February and will be happy to place any prayer intentions at the Grotto and to light candles for any intentions. Please let Fr John have any intentions by next Sunday, 9th February or via email, john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk anytime up to, and including 11th February.

2025 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



We are hosting this year's World Day of Prayer for the Haverhill and district churches on **FRIDAY 7th MARCH at 4.00 p.m.**

The 2025 focus country is **COOK ISLANDS.**

The women of the Cook Islands have prepared the worship service which will be the basis for the wave of 24 hours of global prayer.

The theme they have chosen is

I HAVE MADE YOU WONDERFUL.

(Inspired by psalm 139)

Please be part of this global wave of prayer by attending the service and if you are able and willing to help in other ways such as reading during the service, welcoming our visitors and helping with refreshments after the service please let Linda Pector, Fr John or Dcn Huw know. *Thank you.*



**Congratulations to DAVID and MARIE CAULFIELD
who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary
on Friday 7th February 2025**

Weekday Masses this coming week

There will be no weekday 10 a.m Masses on Tuesday or Wednesday this week as Fr John is in Lourdes and no weekday 10 a.m Mass on Thursday as Fr John is at Poringland attending the meeting of the Deans with Bishop Peter.

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m on Friday morning.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend of 1st /2nd February 2025

Standing Orders	£421.00
Collection	£506.94
Total:	£927.94

Forthcoming Second Collections:

14th March 2025 – CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

15th/16th March 2025 – Cafod Collection

18th April 2025, Good Friday – Holy Land Shrines
Collection to support the Holy Places of Palestine

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

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, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations, Second collections. *Thank you*

A free copy of the latest DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER is available as you leave church today, please take a copy with you

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 8th February	KAREN		ANGELA
Sunday 9th February	MARITA	SUE	Sign up list In narthex
Saturday 15th February	VIOLET	ANGELA	KAREN
Sunday 16th February	SALLY	AARON	Sign up list In narthex

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]

FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 8th February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Jo Sheppard RIP*

Sunday 9th February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

FIFTH WEEK of the YEAR

Tuesday 11th February: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 12th February: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 13th February: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 14th February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Patrick Hastings RIP*

SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Racial Justice Day)

Saturday 15th February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Peter Goldsmith RIP*

Sunday 16th February: 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