



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**SECOND SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME
Peace Day**

(Parish Mass book page 127)

Sunday 14th January 2024

Psalter – Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Sat. 20th January – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White, Malcolm M

Sat. 27th January – Angela Rymills, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts & Caroline Reeve

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 14th January – Jose Family and Ron Hefford

Sunday 21st January - ? Buendia Family & Ron White

Dear Friends,

We can probably all think of people who have opened doors for us in our lives. They may have been an influence for good on us. Perhaps they shared with us some gift, or allowed us to benefit from an experience or some discovery that they had made. Perhaps they pointed us in the right direction in life. We particularly value these people because they chose to give something for the benefit of others, rather than keeping it to themselves.

This is how John Baptist is portrayed in the gospel reading this weekend. He had come to recognise Jesus as a very special revelation of God's love, and, far from keeping this discovery to himself, he shared it with his own disciples. He did this even though he knew that by doing so he was going to lose his disciples to Jesus, and in turn Andrew took Simon to Jesus. In the first reading, Eli did something similar for Samuel, helping him to hear God's call. The readings this weekend put before us three people, Eli, John the Baptist and Andrew, each of whom, in different ways, pointed others in the right direction, led others to the one who is the source of life.

The Lord never ceases to call us through others into a deeper relationship with himself. He may even call us to share our faith in some way, to open a door to the Lord for others; it may be something simple but most valuable. The readings this Sunday invite us to be open to the many ways the Lord can draw us to himself, and also to the ways that he may be calling us to help him in drawing others to himself.

Dcn Huw ☺



HYMNS:
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th January 2024

865 – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

979 – Oh the Word of My Lord

874 – Take My Life

**820 – Seek Ye First
the Kingdom of God**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

LEADERS ROTA



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 14 th January	ANGELA WILSON	VOLUNTEERS	?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they begin their preparation next weekend to celebrate their First Holy Communion this year in our parish.

We will welcome them at Mass next Sunday, 21st January.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council takes place on
Thursday 25 January at 7 p.m in St Felix Church.
All are welcome to come along.

If you have a question, item for discussion, comment or any matter for the PPC to discuss please place it in the box in the narthex, paper and pen are available for you. Thank you.

The Agenda for the meeting will be published next week.

DECEMBER 100 CLUB WINNERS:



1st Prize £150 - SHARON COPPERTHWAIT [33]

2nd Prize £100 - BRENDAN GRACE [47]

IN NEED of HELP?

If you are aware of anyone who is, or will be, in serious need of help during the current and ongoing cost of living crisis, please speak to Fr. John or you can contact 'Reach'



Need help. Don't wait. Get in touch.
Our friendly team of advisers are here, 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 BY THE FOODBANK THIS WEEK:

TINNED FRUIT

CLEANING SPRAY

RICE PUDDING

TEA

COFFEE



EPIPHANY GIFTS FOR REACH

Some of the many 'shoe boxes' containing personal care items around the Crib for our celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord



Thank you for the wonderful Epiphany gifts for REACH. They have all now been delivered to REACH and the contents have already started to be distributed to people across Haverhill and the local area.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

*Please continue to pray for peace in
The Holy Land, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected
by war and conflict.*



يارب

تعبت نفوسنا وضافت آفاقنا

وتحطمت أحلامنا

لكننا نثق بك دائماً أبداً

نعلم أننا معك وبك سنجتاز الطريق نحو السلام

مهما بدا لنا بأنه مستحيل وبعيد عن التحقيق

إلا أننا نؤمن بأنك أنت من تعطينا السلام

سلام حقيقي عادل وشامل ونهائي

فأسرع يارب ولا تتأخر واستجب لنا

O Lord,

our hearts are weary, our prospects are narrow,
and our dreams are shattered, but we trust in you!

Forever we will put our trust in you.

We believe that only through you and with you can we make our
way towards peace.

Although it may seem impossible and unachievable in our eyes,
yet, we know that you alone can give us true peace:

A Just and final peace for all.

O Lord, do not delay, make haste, and answer our prayers!

LATIN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM PRAYER

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 through our 'Intentions Book'.
- Please remember in your prayers members of our Parish who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.
- Pray for people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that nations will work together responsibly to stop and reverse this.
- Pray for peace in all areas affected by war and conflict.
- 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 prisoners, their families and those who work with them. Remember especially all those associated with HMP Highpoint.
- Pray for people who are homeless, and those who are rough sleeping in this cold and wet weather, especially at this time of the year.
- Pray for the pupils and staff of St Felix School.
- Pray for Fr. John, Dcn, Huw, and all the people of our parish.

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

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ada Mahoney, Derek Cutler, Chervon Fitzpatrick, Clifford James,
Donald O'Connor, Sarah-Ann McDaid, Margaret Shervitt, Lawrence Manley,
Peggy Edwards, Hanna Kasperek.

**During Winter, up to Lent, we are asked to pray for
Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Openess to the Word of God, Racial Justice, Victims of
Trafficking, People Who are Sick and Those Who Care for Them,
People Who are Unemployed,**

In January Pope Francis asks us to pray with him for:

The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



HAVERHILL & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER – WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024

begins on the 18th January and runs until
25th January.

This is an important occasion when we
recognise our common faith in Jesus Christ and
support and encourage one another.

This year St Mary's is hosting a service on Thursday 18th January at 7 p.m to which everyone is invited. The service will draw on the story of the Samaritan woman at the well from John 4.7-15, in which Jesus says, 'Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.'

We are also invited and encouraged to pray for one another throughout the Week of Prayer using the following prayer cycle:

18th: S Mary's Anglican Church.

19th: River of Life Community Church

20th: West End Congregational Church

21st: St Felix Roman Catholic Church

22nd: Haverhill Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship

23rd: Haverhill Methodist Church

24th: Old Independent United Reformed Church

25th: Haverhill Salvation Army

If you have specific prayer requests for our church, then please let me know and I can pass these on to everyone in Haverhill & District Churches Together.

Further Haverhill Churches Together Dates:

Churches Together Meeting 7.30pm Thursday 1st February at West End Church.

We are looking for a couple of people to come along to this meeting from our parish – if you are interested, please let Fr. John or Dcn. Huw know. Thankyou.

World Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March at West End Church.

The focus country for 2024 is Palestine and the theme is:

'I beg you, bear with one another in love'

More details to follow.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for weekend 6th/7th January 2024

Standing orders	£359.00
Collection	£585.70
Total:	£944.70

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

PEACE DAY 2024

This weekend we celebrate PEACE DAY.

The work of **Pax Christi** is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, **Pax Christi** works with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.



Pax Christi works in partnership with parishes, schools and through social media to promote peace. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. [Peace Sunday – Pax Christi England and Wales](#)

Pax Christi is independent and therefore needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> or make a donation in church. There will be a basket on the font for your donations, and envelopes for Gift Aid Donations. Thank you

HELP NEEDED TO PACK OUR CRIB AWAY PLEASE...

Help will be needed after the 10 a.m. Mass this Sunday to pack our crib away. Please stay and help if you can.

Thank you.

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 B, weekday readings Year II]

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Saturday 13th January: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Derek Cutler RIP*

Sunday 14th January: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Second Week of the Year

Wednesday 17th January: **NO MASS TODAY** *[Fr John will be at Clare Priory attending his monthly Ministry to Priests Group]*

Thursday 18th January: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Private Int.*

Friday 19th January: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Joseph RIP.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Saturday 20th January: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 21st January: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Francine Wilson RIP*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

Saturday evenings from 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

**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