



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**FOURTH SUNDAY
of EASTER
Good Shepherd Sunday**

26th APRIL 2026

Psalter - Week 4

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 2nd May - Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw, Ann O'Flanagan,
Helen Burns.**

**Saturday 9th May – Sheila Dooley. Mary Dooley, Christine White,
Angela Rymills, Nora Roberts, Jo Rowson.**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 26th April – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field

Sunday 3rd May – Sonia & Baiju Varghese and Ian Blythe

Dear Friends,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We hear readings that remind us how Jesus leads, protects, and cares for His people - as the shepherd of his flock - showing us the closeness and love between God and His people.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Church invites us to pray for those called to shepherd God's people — priests, deacons, religious, and lay leaders — and to ask ourselves: *How am I called to reflect the heart of the Good Shepherd?*

We are all called. Every Christian is entrusted, in some way, with the care of others — in our families, workplaces, parishes, and the communities in which we live. To be a shepherd in Christ's image means to lead with patience, to protect with courage, and to seek out the lost with compassion rather than judgment.

All of the baptised, particularly those who are confirmed, are bound to spread the faith through what we say and what we do. Newly ordained deacons are handed the Book of the Gospels by the Bishop and exhorted to "Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach" - all of us need to do this.

Dcn Huw



This Sunday is **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**; a day when we reflect on how the ministry of Christ as Priest, Prophet and Shepherd continues in the Church through the ordained priesthood. Priests do not fall from Heaven ready-made. The call to priesthood needs to be heard, vocations need to be nurtured, and funding is needed to provide for priestly formation. The cost of training a priest is more than £150,000. We all have our part to play in praying and encouraging vocations and in financially supporting the formation of our future parish priests.

Please pray for priestly vocations and be as generous as possible to the Second Collection on Good Shepherd Sunday. There are envelopes available in the narthex on the table for anyone wishing to gift aid their donation for next weekend.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 25 th April	JO	LINDA	KAREN
Sunday 26 th April		RAYMOND	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 2 nd May	JENNA	ANGELA	MURRY
Sunday 3 rd May	ASWIN	ASIN	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 26 th April	Team 1 CAROL and DAVE
Sunday 3 rd May	Team ? To be confirmed
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 26th April	Nnenna Ezugwu	1. Mary Mathew 2. Christine White 3.	18

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**SUNDAY 3rd MAY
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.**

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

POLLING STATION ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2026

Our Church of St Felix is used as a Polling Station and will be closed on Thursday 7th May 2026.
The election on 7th May is for seats on Suffolk County Council.

The church will only be open for people to vote and access to the church is not possible on this day.

Therefore, there will be no 10 a.m. Mass at St Felix on Thursday 7th May 2026. Thank you.

Could you help a research student?

I am a doctoral student researching how lay Catholics experience their baptism and am looking for people between the ages of 30 and 65 to interview. I am particularly interested in interviewing people baptised as adults or baptised overseas. Interviews last around one hour.

My research has ethical approval from my university and participants are unpaid. If you would like to find out more - with no obligation to take part - please contact me by email: JCC181@pgr.aru.ac.uk

Thank you, Jane Crone

HYMNS - SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2026



877 - Will You Come and Follow Me?

609 - in Bread We Bring You Lord

714 - Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord

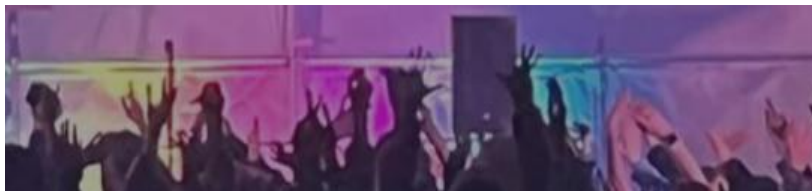
866 - I Will Be With You.

IGNITE FESTIVAL

**Inviting ALL young people in Year 8 upwards to the Ignite Festival:
2nd – 3rd May 2026**

Come and experience your faith in a dynamic way at the Ignite Festival in St Benedicts School, Bury St Edmunds. The weekend will include inspiring talks, passionate prayer, live music, and lots of fun stuff! Followed by the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Bank Holiday Monday, May 4th.

See www.ignitefestival.co.uk for more information.





CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EAST ANGLIA

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

4TH OF MAY 2026 | MONDAY
FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS



DIocese of East Anglia PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

This year's Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on
Bank Holiday Monday,
4th May 2026.

The Pilgrimage will start at The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Houghton St Giles, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6AL.

The timetable for the day is as follows:

10.30am Arrival of Pilgrims

10.30am – 11.30am
Confessions available

11.30am Welcome and
Reception of Banners

12noon Pilgrim Mass
celebrated by Bishop Peter

2.15pm Procession from the Shrine to the village (about a mile and a quarter) to the Abbey Grounds

3.45pm Prayers and
Benediction in Abbey Grounds

4.30pm Departure of Pilgrims

All are welcome to come along

RED BOXES 2025: 'THANK YOU'

missio
Today. Tomorrow. Together.



In 2025 St Felix parishioners raised **£999.18** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you!

Our missionary community here at St Felix is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this year's Red Boxes 'Thank You' Poster. These communities rely on your support so they can continue to flourish.

Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2026



Please pray for the children of our parish, and their families, who are preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion this year, at St Felix

Our First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th May.

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 or have health concerns.
- Please continue to pray for a just and 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 with it.
- Pray for 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 that migrants and refugees 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 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**Leonard Roberts, Alice Drummond, Lillian Saffill, Pamela Dashwood,
Amy Argent, Ingjera Hefford, John Aldis, Rose Kiernan,
Christopher Brown.**

During Easter we are asked to pray for:

**New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work,
The Right Use of the Media, The Church**

Pope Leo asks us to join him in prayer in April for priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

QUICK!
Just a few seats left



**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

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.**

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk
by **12 noon on THURSDAY** for inclusion in the next newsletter

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.

A graphic showing a spiral-bound notebook with a "Foodbank Shopping List" written on it. The list includes: Tinned hot dogs, Tinned Spam, Tinned Fray Bentos pies, Tinned corn beef, and Tinned stewing steak. In the top right corner is the Haverhill Foodbank logo with the tagline "Together with Trussell". In the bottom right corner is a smartphone displaying the foodbank app interface. The bottom of the graphic has a green background with white text.

Foodbank Shopping List

- Tinned hot dogs
- Tinned Spam
- Tinned Fray Bentos pies
- Tinned corn beef
- Tinned stewing steak

Haverhill Foodbank
Together with Trussell

NOW YOU CAN SEE OUR NEEDS IN REAL-TIME
Download the **FREE** app via www.bankthefood.org
to get regular updates of our food shortages.

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

**FORMATION IN DISCERNMENT:
POPE LEO'S PRAYER**

Holy Spirit, you, light of our understanding,
gentle breath that guides our decisions,
grant me the grace to listen attentively to your
voice
and to discern the hidden paths of my heart,
so that I may grasp what truly matters to you,
and free my heart from its troubles.

I ask you for the grace to learn how to pause,
to become aware of the way I act,
of the feelings that dwell within me,
and of the thoughts that overwhelm me
which, so often, I fail to notice.

I long for my choices
to lead me to the joy of the gospel.
Even if I must go through moments of doubt and
fatigue,
even if I must struggle, reflect, search, and begin
again.....

Because, at the end of the journey,
your consolation is the fruit of the right decision.
Grant me a deeper understanding of what moves
me,
so that I may reject what draws me away from
Christ,
and love him and serve him more fully.
Amen.

From:

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/pope-leo-discernment-prayer-poster/>

DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE
DEANERY CELEBRATION AT CLARE PRIORY.



**As part of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee celebrations
our local Deanery of St Edmund invites you to attend**

**OUR CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION
at 3.00 P.M. ON SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026
at CLARE PRIORY,
ASHEN ROAD, CLARE, CO10 8NX.**

**Limited parking will be available at Clare Priory.
More parking is available nearby in the town of Clare.**

**To reserve your place for this event
please sign up on the list in the narthex by
Sunday 24th May 2026.**

Any questions to Fr. John or Dcn.. Huw

CAMPS CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB

MUSIC FUNDRAISER



COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR GREAT LOCAL COMMUNITY VENUE IN THE MAKING. CAMPS CHAPEL ARE HAVING A MUSIC FUNDRAISING NIGHT. PLEASE JOIN US AND HEAR SOME FINE LOCAL MUSICIANS PLAYING SOME TOP QUALITY TUNES. SUGGESTED DONATION £10, BUT FEEL FREE TO GIVE WHATEVER YOU CAN. ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS CAMPS CHAPEL COMMUNITY HUB. OUR TARGET IS £750, SO PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

SAT 2ND MAY • 7PM

REFRESHMENTS • JAZZ • FOLK • ROCK • SOUL

*** CAMPS CHAPEL, HIGH STREET,
CASTLE CAMPS, CB21 4SN**

*** PARKING IN SCHOOL LAYBY AT
CB21 4TQ WHAT3WORDS
SPOOKED.SEASHELL.HANDYMAN**

ST FELIX 2026 PLANT SALE



This is an early warning message for those who are getting plants ready for sale... and those wanting to buy so they can start planning and preparing...

More information later.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

**NEXT WEEKEND,
SUNDAY 3rd MAY.**

**Please stay for a while after
10.00 a.m. Mass
for refreshments and a chat with
old and new friends.**



PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 18th/19th April 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.0
Collection:	£699.11
Total:	£1120.11

Forthcoming Second and Special Collections

- 25th/26th April – Vocations Sunday – for the Formation of Priests,
16th/17th May – World Communications Sunday –
for the Catholic Communications Network,
20th/21st June – Day for Life – Bishops’ Conference Life Charities,
27th/28th June – Peter’s Pence – The Holy Father’s Charitable works,
11th/12th July – Sea Sunday – the Work of Stella Maris

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

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.

THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME PRIESTS FROM CLARE PRIORY

This weekend we welcome priests from Clare Priory who will celebrate our Sunday Masses, on Saturday evening and Sunday morning as Fr John is in London celebrating the Silver Wedding Anniversary of some friends.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday 28th April as Fr John is away.

Also NO 10.00 a.m. Mass on Thursday 30th April as Fr John is at the Cathedral in Norwich celebrating a funeral.

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]

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Saturday 25th April: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 26th April: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Fourth week of Easter

Tuesday 28th April: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 29th April: *Feast of St Catherine of Siena*

10.00 a.m. Mass *Souwmya RIP*

Thursday 30th April: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 1st May: [Day of prayer for God's blessing on human work]

10.00 a.m. Mass

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Saturday 2nd May: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Michael Clifford RIP*

Sunday 3rd May: 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***