



## PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

### THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Sunday of the Word of God

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

*Psalter - Week 3*

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**Head teacher: Mrs Anne-Marie Price**

#### CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,  
Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo.**  
**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Nnenna Ezugwu, Chinoso Mion-Eddie,  
Stella Ugama, Kelechi Onwodi, Nellie Malango**

#### SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field.**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Baiju and Sonia Varghese & Ian Blythe**

Dear Friends,

Can we change our way of living?

A painter once wanted a picture of innocence. He found and painted a little child kneeling beside his mother at prayer. The palms of his hands were reverently folded, soft eyes upturned with an expression of devotion and peace. The painter prized this portrait of young Gareth above all else and hung it prominently in his study, calling it "Innocence."

Years later when the artist was old, the portrait was still there. He had often thought of painting a counterpart — the picture of guilt. One day he purposely visited a neighbouring dungeon. On the damp floor of the cell lay a wretched man, his name too was Gareth, bound in irons. His body was horribly wasted, his eyes hollow, vice sprouted all over his face.

Consent was given for the man to pose for the painting, and he sat as the model for "Guilt". As the work went on, the painter noticed changes in the man. His face seemed filled with tension, and his bloodshot eyes were filled with horror as he gaped at the likeness of himself painted on the canvas. One day, the painter sensed the man's uneasiness so much that he stopped painting and asked, "What troubles you so much?" The man buried his face in his hands and was convulsed with sobs. After a long time, he raised his head and inquired, "Don't you remember me? Years ago I was your model for "Innocence."

The old painter had succeeded admirably in his task of painting a counterpart for his picture of "Innocence", and the portraits hung side by side — "Innocence" and "Guilt."

Innocence had become guilt over time, but we must remember

that Christ came to us in human form - The Word who was with God and was God - and he died for us for the forgiveness of our sins: through Christ we can be forgiven for any and all of our sins if only we repent of them, turn our lives around from guilt to innocence again.

It is our mission to spread this good news. Announce the Gospel of the Lord through what you do and what you say.

Dcn. Huw ☺

**† LARRY BEASLEY**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Larry Beasley who died peacefully on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Larry's Funeral Mass will take place:**

**on Tuesday 27th January at 10.00 a.m.  
in St Felix Church**

**followed by a short burial service at  
St Peter and St Paul's Church, Kedington.**

All are welcome to come and pray for Larry and to pray with and for Jean and all the family.

**THIS SATURDAY EVENING, 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**we welcome**

**Fr. Bernard Rolls OSA, from Clare Priory,  
who will be with us to celebrate the 6.30 p.m. evening Mass  
as Fr John is away in Peterborough.**

**Please note there will be no Confessions before the  
evening Mass this Saturday.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**CAR PARKING AT ST FELIX CHURCH**  
**FOR SUNDAY MASS**

When parking for Sunday Mass please do not:

- block other cars in the car park,
- or the access from the road to the church,
- or the turning circle directly outside the church doors.

These areas are needed to allow access to the church in case of an emergency.

There are 34 parking spaces and 2 disabled parking spaces so a total of 36 parking spaces in the church car park. Once these car park spaces are full please park in the roads around the church (making sure not to block our neighbours drives) or on School Lane and in the parking area outside St Felix School (5-10 minute walk away from church).

**VOLUNTEER CAR PARK MARSHALLS NEEDED:**  
on Sunday mornings from 9.30 a.m.

If you are willing to volunteer to help with parking at church on a Sunday morning please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw as soon as possible. Thank you.

**HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**



**865 - Here I Am Lord**

**965 - As the Deer**

**871 - Lord You Have Come to the Seashore**

**770 - Shine, Jesus Shine**

*Choir practise - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 7.00 p.m.*



**CAFOD** The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Well done everyone:  
St Felix is now a 'Live Simply Award' parish

Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* we have been working towards the **Live Simply Award**.

The award is an opportunity for Catholic communities to answer the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world by

**Living simply,  
Living sustainably with creation,  
Standing in solidarity with people living in poverty**

Next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 at our 10.00 a.m. Mass  
**Jane Crone**, Community Participation Coordinator  
for CAFOD in East Anglia and Brentwood  
will present the **Live Simply Award** plaque to the parish.

The plaque will go on permanent display in our church in recognition and celebration of our achievement, and also to remind us that this is a milestone in our **continuing journey to Live More Simply**.

Receiving this award is a good opportunity to renew our commitment to ongoing prayer and action....

[The document sent with this newsletter will remind us of some of the actions we have taken so far on our **Live Simply journey**]

## **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:**

Laurence Miller, Julie Eade, Christina Wiseman, Leann Stearn,  
Gladys Spring, Larry Kiernan, Audrey Pannell, Donald Gauld,  
Elizabeth Allen, Anna Batalano, KLathleen O'Brien, James McCarthy

**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.



Marie and I have decided to hold another fund raising Concert in aid of **REACH**. The last one [3 years ago] raised 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 is giving their services free with all proceeds going to REACH. Last time we had a lively contingent from St Felix!

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](mailto:stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk)  
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

## ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Team 6 ABRAHAM and another
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	
<p><b><i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i></b></p>	

## READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	VIOLET	LINDA	ANGELA
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	ADEMIDE	ALICE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	LINDA	KAREN	ANNE
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	ASIN	ASWIN	Sign-up sheet In narthex

## EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**NEXT SUNDAY  
1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY**

**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.

January 2026



**Items needed  
this week:**

1. Pasta sauce
2. Tinned fruit
3. Long-life milk
4. Tinned Meat
5. Tinned potatoes

Thank you to everyone that supports the foodbank  
through the donation of food, money or time!



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	ANGELA WILSON	1. Any helpers 2. who are 3. available	?

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.*

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD MEETING

***Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m.  
in St Felix Church***

If you are interested in helping with Children's Liturgy during our Sunday 10 a.m. Mass please come along to the meeting.

### PARISH LITURGY MEETING

***Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m.  
in St Felix Church.***

Any items for discussion regarding how we celebrate Masses and other celebrations in our parish are welcome.

Please speak to Fr John or Deacon Huw or email Fr John at [john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk)

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

**WHAT IS MY PARISH'S ROLE IN AVERTING THE CLIMATE,  
BIODIVERSITY, AND SOCIAL EMERGENCIES?**

Today's culture allows us to see nature and our neighbours as ways to get the things we want, or live the lives that we want... rather than what is good for us, our neighbours, or our planet.

On their own, people can be unaware of this self-interested way of looking at the world. Other people find it hard to believe that their small actions can make a difference against such huge problems as climate change.

**OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES CAN PROVIDE AN ANTIDOTE TO  
THIS WAY OF THINKING.**

With our faith as motivation, we can praise God together for the beauty of his creation, live in hope and gratitude, and break free from the need to consume more than is necessary.

With our numbers, we can come to realise we are not alone in our efforts and that together great things are indeed possible. We can find contentment and hope in community actions.

A parish should be a place that equips people with all they need to flourish. It should be a place that enables great projects, provides education, and allows encounter with neighbours and nature; breaking us out of our little bubbles. Above all, a parish praises God, with appreciation of the gift of our common home and human family.

The parish is a shared space for our God-given creativity in reimagining our world.

Let us prepare the future!

THE JOURNEY TO  
**2030**  
From the website  
<https://journeyto2030.org/parish/#whytheparish>

Click on 'Resources' and scroll down for lots of information and thoughts about 'small actions that can make a difference' .....

# Pilgrimage Opportunities for Young People in East Anglia



Lourdes  
Summer  
2026

World Youth Day  
Seoul  
Summer 2027



**The Diocesan Youth Service is planning two pilgrimages:**

You need to be 16+ years old to come to Lourdes  
and 18+ years to come to Seoul in South Korea.

Both pilgrimages offer amazing, experiences.

Come and find out more at our launch  
on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

at Newmarket Parish Centre, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT.

The afternoon starts at 12.30 p.m. and will end by 3:00 p.m.  
(Please bring a packed lunch)

## PARISH FINANCES

### **Collection for the weekend 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £553.18

Total: £974.18

**£371.67 for Pax Christi  
(including £123.60 from the 'Pennies for Peace' jar)**

### *Upcoming Special and Second Collections*

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**(Collection on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February / Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March)**

*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*

### **AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February following 10.00 a.m. Mass**



*Please stay for a drink, a chat and to celebrate!.*

## **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]*

### **THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD.**

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> January:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Francine Wilson RIP</i>

### **Second Week of the Year**

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January:	<b>10.00 a.m. Larry Beasley's Funeral Mass</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January:	<i>Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas</i> 10.00 a.m. Mass
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January:	10.00 a.m. Mass
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January:	10.00 a.m. Mass

### **FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – RACIAL JUSTICE DAY**

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> January:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>John &amp; Margaret Mooney RIP</i>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

### **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**