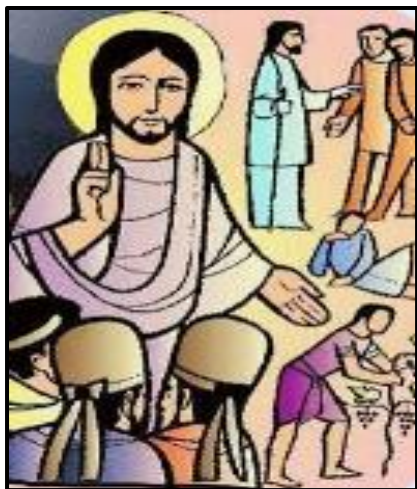




**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-SIXTH
SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 27th September 2026

Psalter- Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 3rd October – Sherin Cijo, Shaji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,
Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo**

**Saturday 10th October – Nnenna Ezugwu, Chinonso Mfon-Eddie, Stella
Ugama, Kelechi Onwodi, Nellie Malango**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 27th September – Jose Family and Ron White

Sunday 4th October -

Dear Friends,

The Gospel this weekend invites us to reflect on a simple but powerful theme: the courage to change our minds.

Jesus speaks of the son who initially refused his father's request but later "thought better of it" and went to work in the vineyard. His change of heart is a reminder that God is not interested merely in our words, but in our willingness to respond to His call. We all resist God's invitation at times, whether through fear, pride, stubbornness, or uncertainty. Yet the grace of God is always at work within us, encouraging us to take a second look, to choose differently, and to do what is right.

St Paul urges us to have "the same mind as Christ Jesus." Christ did not cling to power, status, or even life itself, but entrusted everything to the Father. How often do we cling to opinions, possessions, plans, or old grievances? True freedom only comes when we loosen our grip and place our trust in God. In doing so, we become more open to His will and more attentive to the needs of others and of creation itself.

As autumn arrives and the days grow colder, we may be tempted to remain comfortable indoors, watching the world through a window rather than participating in it. Yet this Gospel challenges us to step outside, to engage with our community, to care for those in need, and to be good stewards of our common home.

May we have the humility to change our minds, when necessary, the generosity to act on God's call, and the confidence to trust that His ways are always greater than our own.

Dcn Huw ☺

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



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

We now approach the final week of this Season of Creation; this time of prayer and action for Creation which has focused our thoughts this year on the theme of 'Living Water'.

The gift of living water brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

To become part of God's river of life we must cherish, protect and conserve the precious, life-giving water we have been given. There are many actions we can take to look after the water, so essential for our lives and the whole of Creation. Please try to make the actions that you and your household have taken during this season part of your daily life so that you contribute long-term to 'God's river of life'.

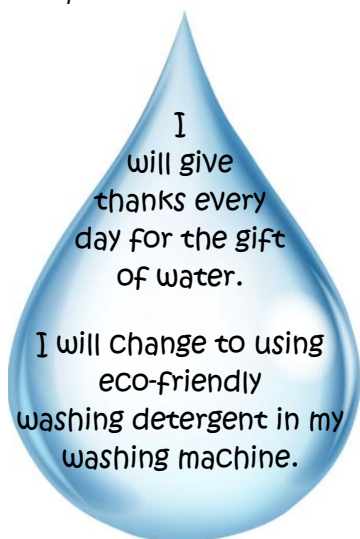
THIS IS IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNGER AND FUTURE MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.

"May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen."

[from the 2026 Season of Creation Prayer]

At church recently you were given a paper waterdrop. Others are still available if you missed it or would like another. Please use the raindrop to record your action, prayer or promise to conserve and heal our water. **Bring your waterdrop back to church during this Season of Creation and place it in the font. Together our waterdrops will form a part of God's river of life healing ourselves and Creation.**

Example:



Some thoughts about actions to conserve water and nature

Use water in a bowl when ever you can instead of letting taps run.

Reuse water – after washing/cooking veg etc use water (cooled) to water plants indoors and in garden.

Take shorter showers.

Use 'eco' settings on washing machines etc if you have them.

Fix dripping taps and leaking toilets.

Only heat as much water as you need to use at the time.

Increase your capacity to collect rainwater.

Consider what can reach water sources from our domestic use – how do we use fertilizers, do we use eco-friendly cleaning products when we can, do we avoid grease/oil and left-overs going down our sink waste pipes and non-flushable items down our toilet?

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

4TH OCTOBER

4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

You are invited to come and spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 27 th September	ANGELA WILSON	1. Christine White 2. ? 3. ?	?12

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READER	2 nd READER	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 26 th September	ANGELA	KAREN	MURRY
Sunday 27 th September	ALICE	ADEMIDE	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 3 rd October	JENNA	LINDA	ANGELA
Sunday 4 th October			Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 27 th September	Team 5 ABRAHAM and MARIA
Sunday 4 th October	Team MALCOLM and ADARSH
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

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 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 natural disasters and 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 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:

**Kenneth McGillicuddy, Teresa Holmes, Juliana Eduputa, Paul Cook,
Cameron Vasquez, Frederick Payne, Francis Matthews.**

During Autumn (to the Feast of Christ the King) we are asked to pray for:

The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation, Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families, All Victims of War, Young People.

Pope Leo asks us to join him in October in prayer for:

Mental Health Ministry.

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.

Reach Community Projects

Harvest shopping list 2026

Just one or two items from the list would be greatly appreciated!

☐ Long – life milk	☐ Condiments
☐ Long – life fruit juice	☐ Crackers
☐ Tinned fruit	☐ Noodles
☐ Tinned tomatoes	☐ Tea
☐ Tinned Vegetables	☐ Coffee
☐ Fruit Squash	☐ Toiletries
☐ Chocolate/snacks	☐ Toilet roll
☐ Jams	☐ Ladies/Mens deodorant
☐ Tinned Meat	☐ Pasta sauce

Please ,no beans, soup, pasta and cereals

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Welcome to St Felix Parish. If you have just moved into the area or have found us for the first time - You are most welcome.

RCIA/Journey of Faith

In our Parish this September we are offering a time of preparation for those seeking to be welcomed as members of the Catholic Church. Our Parish Journey of Faith course follows the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and is a time of prayer, preparation, celebration and welcome into the Catholic Church. The time of preparation is from September this year to next Easter.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or would like to find out more about the Church you are welcome to join us for our

**Journey of Faith
on
Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 7.30 p.m.
in St Felix Church.**

Please let Fr John know if you are interested in coming along. If you wish to speak to the parish priest, Fr John, please do not hesitate to call him on 01440 702156 or email him at

john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk

Also, if you would like to help with this program in our Parish in any way, please speak to Fr John. *Thank you*

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, Special Collections and Second Collections, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations, Parish Project 2026 – Sunflower SEND Hub.

St Felix Parish Project 2026:



The **Sunflower SEND Hub** is a local charity based in Queen Street, Haverhill. It offers support services tailored to meet the needs of local children and young people who have SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

The team at the Hub is committed to ensuring that every child receives the support they require in safe, structured environments to enable them to thrive. The Sunflower SEND Hub also provides support and guidance to families; parents and other care givers. (Visit the Sunflower Hub website, <https://www.sunflowersendhub.org> for more information)

Donations from people like us enable the Sunflower Hub to continue their vital work in supporting local families who have children with SEND. By donating to Sunflower SEND Hub, we can directly impact the lives of these children and their families.

A resource that the Hub particularly wishes to purchase for the children and young people who use their service is an interactive touch screen. This technology would benefit children of all ages and abilities supporting communication, education, social and life skills and other activities.

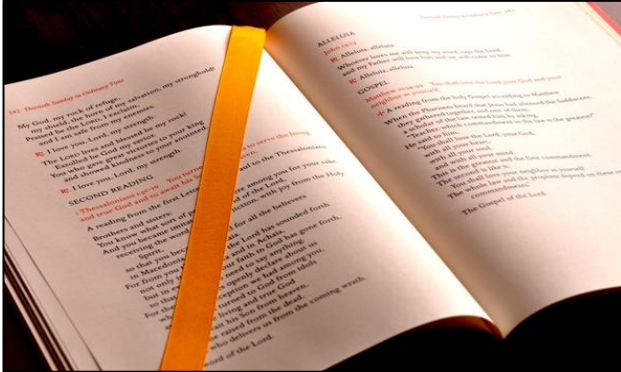


Here's where we can be of help...

...We challenge ourselves to raise £1500 towards the cost of an interactive screen for the Sunflower SEND Hub.

You can donate to this important local service straight away using the Dona Card Machine - 'Sunflower SEND Hub'

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



Have you ever considered becoming a reader in church? If so, please come to an introductory training session

on Saturday 10th October from 10.30 till 12 midday.

Attending this session does not commit you to becoming a reader but will give you an insight into this important ministry and what it involves.

We would very much like to have readers from a variety of age groups and from all the communities which enrich our parish on both Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

To register please email suearnold47@yahoo.co.uk or phone, text or WhatsApp me on 07790 319393. Thank you.

TO CONTACT A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY...

If Fr. John is away from the Parish, please contact either:

Bury St Edmunds Parish on 01284 754358.
or Newmarket Parish on 01638 662492
or Clare Parish on 01787 277326
or call 07773 478835.

Thank you.

CAFOD *Family Fast Day* Appeal this Harvest



HARVEST FAST DAY TAKES PLACE ON FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER.

It is a day when we are asked to eat more simply in solidarity with those who do not have enough to eat and drink, and donate what we are able to the Cafod Fast Day Parish collection which takes place at St Felix on **3rd and 4th October**

Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, or the dona card machine or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**.



Thank you

Fairtrade Fortnight 2026 lasts until 4th October

*Help to create a fairer world for the people who produce many
of the things we buy.*

Please look out for the Fairtrade Mark when shopping



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC)

Our next PPC meeting will take place on

Thursday 1st October at 7 p.m. in St Felix Church.

All are welcome to come along, and any suggestions and ideas to be discussed can be placed in the box in the narthex.

PARISH CENSUS 2026

At the end of September we will be asking you to complete, either an online form, or a form in church, so we can put together an up-to-date data base for our parish.

Please be reassured all your data will be kept secure and will be held under our Diocesan GDPR rules and will only be used to enable Fr John and Deacon Huw to exercise their pastoral ministry and care for our parish.

More information will be published soon.

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Wednesday 30th September as Fr John will be attending the Funeral Mass for Fr Dick Healey at St Edmunds in Bury St Edmunds at 10.30 a.m.

Please remember Fr Dick Healey in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 19th/20th September 2026

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £446.46

Total: £867.46

£445.50 for the Annual Mission Appeal

Second collections coming up

Friday 2nd October – CaFOD Harvest Fast Day
3rd/4th October – Collection to support the CaFOD Harvest Day Appeal

17th/18th - World Mission Sunday (Missio)

A collection will be taken to support the work of Missio.

12th/13th December – Diocesan Dependent Priests Fund
This fund supports our retired priests, those who are ill, and those who are no longer active in ministry.

Please keep them in your prayers, and we give thanks for their years of ministry in our Diocese.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS



Sunday 4th October

**Please stay for
a Cuppa and a Chat**

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note:

It is a requirement of
**The Catholic Safeguarding
Standards Agency [CSSA]**,
which is our church's national
safeguarding organisation,
that children who need to use
the toilet while in church must
always be accompanied by an
adult.

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 A, Weekday readings Year II]

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 26th September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 27th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Deirdre Barker RIP
(nee Shanahan)*

Twenty-sixth week of the Year

Tuesday 29th September: ***Feast of SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael – Archangels***
10.00 a.m. Mass *Victoria INT*

Wednesday 30th September: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 1st October: ***Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus***
10.00 a.m. Mass *Victor INT*

Friday 2nd October: ***Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels***
10.00 a.m. Mass *Rafael INT*

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3rd October: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Fr Eric Doyle OFM, RIP*

Sunday 4th October: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
take place on Saturday evening 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