



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time**

Sunday 31st August 2025

Psalter – Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 6th September – Angela Rymills, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts.

Saturday 13th September – Sherley Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto, Zina Pereira

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 31st August – Jose Family

Sunday 7th September – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette

Dear Friends,

The Gospel this week reminds me of a school story: a young student did very well in a test and was invited to 'go up front - but don't take your books, it won't be for long!'

Psalm 15 praises the one who "takes no interest on a loan." This is a far cry from today's globalised capitalism, ruled by the iron law of supply and demand, 'maximise profit from every deal. If it's not profitable, get rid of it.' Benevolence and compassion have no place.

The transactional model, much praised by the current US government, can infect our personal lives too, it might even seem to be a devotional thought: "I'm going to save my soul and win myself a place in heaven."

It is a mistake to imagine that we can save ourselves. As if we could store up credits to be later shown to God, and claim eternal life on the basis of strict justice, like a cash transaction - this was the problem associated with mediæval pardoners, individuals licensed to sell papal pardons or indulgences, a significant factor in the Protestant Reformation.

The problem is illustrated in the Gospel this weekend. The Pharisees see themselves as self-sufficient, they lack true humility. They sought out places of honour. We, too, can fall into that error and forget our complete dependence on the grace of God, freely offered and unmerited.

Our salvation cannot be deserved, cannot be claimed, for the grace of God is a pure gift. It is better to come to God as a beggar with this simple request: "Lord, help me."

Dcn Huw ☺

**EXPOSITION and ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**NEXT SUNDAY
7th SEPTEMBER 2025**

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

WELCOME TO ST FELIX PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW HEAD TEACHER



We are delighted to welcome the new Head teacher of
St Felix School; Mrs Anne-Marie Price.

Mrs Price has worked in leadership roles in other Catholic schools in
the Diocese and joins our school this week.

Please remember Mrs Price, the school staff and all the pupils of
St Felix School and their families in your prayers
as they come together to begin the new academic year.

MUSICAL BREAK

Our choir and all our musicians are having a well-earned summer
break. They will return to lead the music for our Sunday Masses
next weekend - Sunday 7th September

MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER is
WORLD DAY of PRAYER for the CARE of CREATION
and opens the 2025 Season of Creation



This year's theme is '*Peace with Creation*' and the symbol is '*Garden of Peace*', both inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

Isaiah describes a desolate creation without peace due to injustice and the broken relationship between God and humanity. Today, more than ever, some human activities are at war with creation – the global impact of unsustainable lifestyles, excessive consumption, lasting pollution. However, there is hope for a peaceful earth. God's peace emerges when we work for justice, reconciliation, solidarity and harmony with creation. Through prayer and action we must repair our human relationships with Earth, with other creatures and with God.

The 2025 symbol titled "Garden of Peace," depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

(There are many resources and food for thought and prayer on the Season of Creation website: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>)

The Bishops Conference of England and Wales offers a prayer for use on World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and during the Season of Creation.

Father, Lord of all creation,
we praise you with all your creatures
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of
your hands.

We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.
In our ignorance we have done damage to our common
home
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of You.
Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You
have created,
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit,
who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order
out of the chaos
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and
beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.
You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

[Bishops Conference of England and Wales]

Pope Leo XIV, Message for the Tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (1st September 2025)

Environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed. In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity.



DIOCESAN GOLDEN JUBILEE 2026

Next year our Diocese of East Anglia will celebrate its Golden Jubilee.

As part of these celebrations each Parish has been asked to celebrate the past 50 years of the parish. So we at St Felix can celebrate this we need a couple of people to volunteer to gather information and look through our parish archives to set up a couple of celebrations during the year of our Diocesan Jubilee.

If you are interested in helping with this please speak to Fr John or email him at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk We can also be part of the Diocesan working group to feed in ideas and suggestions for other parishes and for the Diocese to use.

Thank you

TEA & COFFEE AFTER MASS – SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

Next weekend members of the Justice and Peace Group will host the drinks and snacks after 10.00 a.m. Mass.

As we are a small group we are asking parishioners who are native to England, Ireland (north or south), Scotland and Wales if they could bring a plate of something typical of the place they call home. It could be Welsh Cakes, sausage rolls, pork pie, scones, soda bread, Yorkshire puddings, cheese straws etc. Any snack finger food you can offer would be great. Thank you in advance.

Monetary donations on the day will be most welcome as part of our 'final push' to maximise our Parish's support to Loreto Rumbek School in South Sudan.

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 those who are ill.
- Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict. Remember especially the people suffering famine in Gaza.
- Pray for all victims of violence; those killed, wounded and terrified, thinking especially of the victims of the school shooting in Minneapolis.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by effects of climate change, especially due to the current flooding in Pakistan.
- 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, particularly those in care and 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:

John Shurety, James Beaton, Bridget Corbett, James Byrne.

During Autumn we are asked to pray for:

The Harvest, The Care of Creation, Students and Teachers, The spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families, All Victims of War and Young People.

Pope Francis asked us to pray in September for all of creation.

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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

One of the Laudato Si goals is called SPIRITUALITY.

This goal encourages us to connect our quest to love God with the world that He made. Our spirituality is how we direct our lives towards God. If we believe that God created the universe and saw that ' it was very good ', if we believe that He loves us as He loves all of His human creatures, then if we say ' I love God ' what does that mean for our attitudes and actions towards His creation? How do faith, love and hope become our motivation?

<https://journeyto2030.org/laudato-si-goals/>

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday 31st August

Team 2
SUE and DAVE

**Sunday 7th
September**

Team
RACHEL and IAN

***Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count
on your week given on the rota. Thank you***

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 30 th August	VIOLET	KAREN	ANNE
Sunday 31 st August	SALLY	SUE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 6 th September	JO	JENNA	MURRY
Sunday 7 th September	ADEMIDE	DAVE	Sign – up sheet in narthex

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
<p style="text-align: center;">Children's Liturgy recommences next week on SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2025</p>			

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.

We are always looking for more adult helpers. If you would like to assist us when Children's Liturgy recommences in September please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

Thank you. Angela Wilson.

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

ST FELIX PARISH PROJECT 2025

*We are supporting the work and mission of
LORETO RUMBEK SCHOOL in South Sudan*



Recently, 33 Loreto Secondary School students went to visit the State Hospital in Rumbek, equipped with cleaning items, baby kits, and plenty of good humour. The girls are well known by the staff there, and they were welcomed with open arms and hearts.

“It is an annual tradition that our school Peace Club members visit the State Hospital, because hospitals are places where people from all tribes come together. After talking to the patients about the necessary of peace, the students started cleaning the wards and helping in the garden. They also handed out baby kits as a small gesture of welcome to the newborns and a sign of support to the mothers. Asked why they are doing this and how it is linked to peace, they give a very convincing answer: “When we are visiting the hospital, the people are happy seeing us cleaning. They say, ‘These are our kids who are trying to spread peace by helping in our hospitals. Maybe we should not be a bad example to them. Maybe we should promote peace instead of fighting. If our kids are doing such good things, it will be very bad if we do the opposite.’ That’s why we go there, spread love, clean, and bring gifts.” [16.07.2025]

<https://loretorumbek.ie/one-hand-cannot-clap/>

*Thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our minimum target of **£1000** by 50%+! The Loreto Rumbek School and associated projects rely on sponsors and donations from people like us. The more we can give, the more they can do. We will complete our 2025 Parish Project next Sunday and send the total of our donations to Loreto Rumbek. Thank you so much.*

SAVE THE DATE:

Our parish and others in the Bury St Edmund deanery will come together at the Bishop's invitation and celebrate the work of organisations involved in social outreach at a

[Caritas East Anglia Festival](#) on Saturday 6 December 2025

at St Edmund, King and Martyr Church,,

21 Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QG.

from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

If there are charitable social actions or organisations, i.e., people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities, that you would like to see, or think should be represented at the Festival, particularly if you are involved in them yourself, please e-mail your ideas to caritas@rcdea.org.uk now.

The festival will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter and be followed by refreshments and opportunities to find out about local projects. It will end at 12.15 p.m. with prayer and reflection on the day. ALL WELCOME to attend for part of, or the whole event.

For more information and if you are able to take part please speak to Fr John

WELCOME TO FR. JOHN MORRILL

Next weekend, Fr John is away in Durham for a retirement

Mass for Fr John James who was Chaplain to Durham University when Fr John was at Seminary at Ushaw College, Durham.

We welcome Fr John Morrill who will be with us to celebrate our weekend Sunday Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

PLEASE NOTE NEW E.MAIL ADDRESS



Celebrate the Season of Creation as Pilgrims of Hope with CAFOD

Presentation by Jo Kitterick, CAFOD's Director of Fundraising and Participation

At Our Lady of Lourdes Church 135 High St, Sawston, Cambridge CB22 3HJ

On Saturday 6 September 2025, coffee from 10.30am, talk and conversation from 11 am to 12.30

All welcome, contact Jane Crone jcrone@cafod.org.uk for more information



2025



Saturday 13th September

Ride + Stride is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts enabling them to make Grants to places of Christian worship. Taking place on the 2nd Saturday of September the funds raised will be split between the nominated Trust and the participant's chosen church or chapel.



Ride and Stride is run entirely by volunteers and is inter-denominational, with participants sponsored for each place of worship visited between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Ride and Stride Day or with a donation, regardless of the number of churches visited.

In 2024 Ride & Stride raised £200,000 towards the cost of restoring historic Suffolk churches and church buildings.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 16th/17th August 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00
Collection: £426.83
Total: £847.83

£488.00 for our Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan
Running Total - £1578.86

Collection for the weekend 23rd/24th August 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00
Collection: £372.57
Total: £792.57

£5.00 for our Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan
Running Total - £1583.86

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER



Stay for a
coffee, tea or cold drink
and a snack
with old friends
and some new ones.

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]

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 30th August: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 31st August: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Patrick Behan RIP*

TWENTY-SECOND WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 2nd September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Mariamamma & Poulouse*

Wednesday 3rd September: ***Feast of St Gregory the Great***
10.00 a.m. Mass *Anto & Cicily*

Thursday 4th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Varghese & Mary*

Friday 5th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 6th September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 7th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Assumption Fernandes RIP*

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.
on our return from Lourdes.**

Wishing you and your families every blessing and prayers
Fr John and Deacon Huw