



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**SIXTH SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME**

(Parish Mass book page 137)

Sunday 11th February 2024

Psalter – Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Sat. 17th February – Alan Kent, Mike Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan & Helen Burns

Sat. 24th February – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White & Malcolm M

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 11th February – Jose Family & Ron Hefford

Sunday 18th February – Volunteers ? & Ron White

Dear Friends,

We hear much in the readings today about lepers and leprosy. Leprosy, also known as Hansen's Disease, is still with us today and people are still greatly afraid of it although it is now curable. Despite the stigma that is associated with the disease there are people who have given themselves to the service of lepers. John Bradburne was one such.

John was born in Cumbria, the son of an Anglican clergyman. He was schooled in Norfolk and joined the Indian Army at the outbreak of WWII. He served with the Gurkhas in Malaya escaping the Japanese after their invasion, and then with the Chindits in Burma. He resigned his commission in 1946 due to ill health.

Having had a religious experience in Malaya, he stayed at Buckfast Abbey on his return to England and was received into the Catholic Church in 1947. He was not allowed to join the Benedictines at Buckfast as he had not been in the Church for two years and spent many years wandering around Europe and the Middle East travelling with only a Gladstone bag, testing his calling to a religious life in a variety of ways.

In 1962, John wrote to a Jesuit friend, living in what is now Zimbabwe. He asked, "Is there a cave in Africa where I can pray?" The answer was an invitation to come and be a missionary helper and in 1969, John founded Mutemwa Leprosy Settlement and, as a lay member of the Third Order of St Francis, he obeyed its rule, singing the office of Our Lady every day, rising at dawn for Matins and ending the day with Vespers and Compline.



In the independence war of 1979, John was kidnapped from Mutemwa and murdered. Since his martyrdom, word of his life has spread around the world, and miracles have occurred in association with his name. On 15 July 2019, the Holy See gave the *nihil obstat* for the start of the cause of canonisation by giving John Bradburne the title of 'Servant of God'.

Dcn Huw ☺

<https://www.johnbradburne.com/>

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024 in preparation for the 2025 JUBILEE

'The theme for the Jubilee is "**Pilgrims of Hope**", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.'

On January 21st Pope Francis officially opened the Year of Prayer 2024 in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year:

"Today we begin the Year of Prayer, that is, a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and the absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church and of the world."

The Pope wants the year preceding the Jubilee to be a 'great symphony of prayer' and it will have a particular focus on the *Our Father*.

Prayer resources can be found online [see the CAFOD and CBCEW websites and other prayer resources will be available shortly]

Symphony of prayer and praise (A prayer for the Year of Prayer)

God of blessings, in this year ahead,
give us a spirit of listening,
of openness to your word
and longing for your kingdom.

As we journey towards the Jubilee,
a time of new beginnings,
we pray for help and strength,
to heal our relationships with each other and all creation.

Sing your song of love over us,
renewing our faith and courage,
so we may join our voices together,
discovering new harmonies of hope,
new melodies of reconciliation.

Attentive to the Spirit, and awake to the needs of the world.
may we seek your life-giving presence,
as we join as one global family
in a great symphony of prayer and praise.
Amen.



(CAFOD)

CHURCH HEATING



Last week our church heating broke down and following an assessment from a local heating engineer the church boiler is broken beyond repair and will need to be replaced. We will endeavour to do this as quickly as possible but please be aware that there will be no heating in church for the time being. With thanks in advance for your patience and every blessing and prayers. *Fr John*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation to celebrate their First Holy Communion in our parish on May 5th and 12th., and especially as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week.



JANUARY '100 CLUB' WINNERS

1st prize £150 - **ANGELA RYMILLS** [9]

2nd prize £100 - **LINDA PECTOR** [45]

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

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

This week we are in need of...

-  Crisps
-  Sugar
-  Coffee
-  Milk (Longlife)
-  Cleaning spray/wipes

#FoodbankFriday



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.
- Please continue to pray for peace in Gaza, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that nations will work together responsibly to stop and reverse this.
- 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 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:

Henry Hancox, Michael Waters, June Bidwell, Patrick O'Flanagan,
Patricia Plant, Frances Macgechan, Margaret Cozzi, Ellen Payton.

**During Lent we are asked to pray for
Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry of the World, World Day of
Prayer for Palestine (March 1st), Penitents and Wanderers.**

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

People Who Are Terminally Ill

Let us pray that sick people who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

LEADERS ROTA



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 11 th February	ANGELA WILSON	C. WHITE	12

Please remember to register your child/children to attend Children's Liturgy when you arrive for 10.00 a.m. Mass

Children's Liturgy is for children aged between 4-8 years.
[Younger children accompanied by an adult are also welcome.]

***We would really appreciate more parent helpers -
please speak to Angela Wilson.***

PARISH MINISTRY

Within our parish we have many people who serve us in many ways, and we are truly grateful for their time, energy and commitment to serving our parish family. Thank you. Over the coming months there will be opportunity to celebrate with those who serve us.

Invite to our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

To start, our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, will be offered time for reflection and some renewed practical help. This will either be on a Saturday (late morning to early afternoon) or a Sunday (lunchtime to mid-afternoon) **A list of possible dates will be placed in the narthex and Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are invited to print their names against any of the dates when they can attend. Please sign up as soon as you can. Thank you.**

Also, if you would be interested in finding out more and maybe being considered to be a Reader at Mass or a Eucharistic Minister at Mass in our Parish, please add your name to the list.

DAY OF REFLECTION:

Later in the autumn we hope to offer a Day of Reflection at Clare Priory for all involved in any ministry in our parish.

More details to follow.

HYMNS - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11.02.2024



469 – God You Call Us to this Place

609 – In Bread we Bring You Lord

772 – Lord Jesus Christ You Have Come
to us

849 – God Forgave my Sin

CHOIR PRACTICES IN PREPARATION FOR LENT AND EASTER

All practices are on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in church.

New singers/musicians are very welcome to join us.

February 13th and 27th.

March 5th, 12th and 26th.

LENT, HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2024



LENT

This week on Wednesday 14 February we celebrate Ash Wednesday (also Valentine's Day), and we will move into the Season of Lent. There will be the usual 40 days of Lent ahead of us leading us to the most sacred and faith filled days of the year; **The Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday - Good Friday – Easter Vigil**, to take us from Lent into the Season of Easter to celebrate the Risen Jesus.

As we prepare to pray together through Lent we remember everyone in our parish community, we pray for our wider community and particularly for peace for many in our world, especially for peace in the Middle East and the Holy Land, in Ukraine, and in many places around our world where there is conflict and violence.

'Walk with Me' Lent Booklet

Copies of 'Walk with me' for Lent are available for a donation in the Narthex. They have an introduction by Bishop Peter and offer a simple reflection for each day of Lent. Please pick up a copy.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 14 February

Mass will be celebrated in St Felix Church at 10 am and 7.30 pm.

Lent House Masses

This Lent you can offer to host one of our weekly Lent House Masses. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 pm. If you are able to offer your home to welcome people to come to celebrate with you on one of the following dates, please speak to Fr John as soon as possible. Thank you.

Thursday 15th February.

Thursday 22nd February.

Wednesday 28th February.

Wednesday 6th March.

Thursday 14th March.

Thursday 21st March.

STATIONS *of the* CROSS

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church on Fridays before the 10 am Mass beginning at 9.30 am on:

**Friday 23rd February; Friday 8th March; Friday 15th March
and Friday 22nd March**

Also on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm on:

Friday 16th February; Friday 1st March

and on **Good Friday evening, 29th March at 7.30 pm.**

Everyone is welcome to come along.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Friday 23rd February

We pray with CAFOD and their partners worldwide on this day.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Envelopes will be available in the Narthex

There will be a collection for CAFOD at Masses on

Saturday 24th / Sunday 25th February

World Day of Prayer – Friday 1st March

Service – 2 p.m West End Congregational Church, Withersfield Rd.

Focus country: PALESTINE

Theme: *'I beg you, bear with one another in love'*

All are welcome to come along to pray together

Children's Mass for Lent – Sunday 3rd March 10 a.m

All are welcome to come and pray with our children and their families at our Children's Mass for Lent

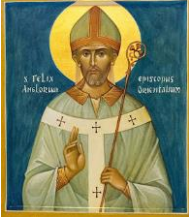
Refreshments after Sunday morning Mass – Sunday 3rd March

We will be serving refreshments after the 10 a.m Mass.

All are welcome to stay and chat over a cuppa/cold drink.

Deanery Station Mass – Tuesday 5th March

Bishop Peter will celebrate our Deanery Station Mass at 7 p.m
in St Edmund's Church, Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds
Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6 p.m
Refreshments will be available after Mass.



Parish Feast Day of St Felix – Friday 8th March

Masses will be celebrated at
10 a.m & 7.30 p.m in St Felix Church

Come and celebrate our Parish Saint -
Refreshments will be available after Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Lent there will be an opportunity to celebrate
the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Each Saturday from 5.45 p.m to 6.15 p.m
or by arrangement with Fr John.

Lent Reconciliation Service

On Wednesday 20th March at 7.30pm
we will welcome some of our local priests to celebrate our
Lent Reconciliation Service with us.

Please come along to pray together and celebrate the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Children's Liturgy for Lent

Throughout the season of Lent, up to the 5th Sunday of Lent, our
Children's Liturgy Group will help our children prepare for Easter
during our 10 a.m Sunday Masses.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

Palm Sunday - 23rd / 24th March

Mass at St Felix Church – Saturday evening at 6.30 p.m
Mass at St Felix Church – Sunday morning at 10 a.m

Tuesday of Holy Week - 26th March

Chrism Mass in Norwich at the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m

Wednesday of Holy Week - 27th March

Mass at St Felix Church – 10 a.m

Triduum



HOLY THURSDAY – 28th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.30 p.m [St Felix Church]

Followed by watching until 10.30 p.m. ending with Night Prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY – 29th March

Ecumenical Process of Witness

10 a.m – Details to follow

Children's Service for Good Friday – 12 noon [St Felix Church]

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 p.m [St Felix Church]

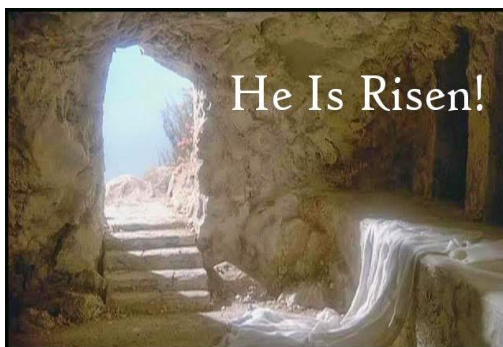
Stations of the Cross – 7.30 p.m [St Felix Church]

HOLY SATURDAY – 30th March

The Easter Vigil – 7.30 p.m. [St Felix Church]

(Please remember that clocks go forward 1 hour at 1a.m. on Easter Sunday to move us from GMT to British Summer Time.)

EASTER SUNDAY – 31st March



Mass for Easter Sunday - 10 a.m in St Felix Church

NO FAITH IN FOSSIL FUELS ECUMENICAL LENT VIGIL **for CLIMATE JUSTICE**

Pope Francis urged the world leaders at the UN COP28 summit which met in Nov/Dec 23 to speed up a move away from fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas. The meeting ended with nearly 200 governments agreeing a call for the world to “transition away from fossil fuels”.

These words need to translate into action. To promote this a coalition of Christian charities has harnessed the power of prayer and organised a Lent Vigil to take place outside Parliament from Ash Wednesday, February 14th ending with a service in Downing Street on February 24th.



"People in the world's poorest countries have done nothing to contribute to the climate crisis and yet are paying the harshest price. We need bold action now - we need the Government to make the UK's biggest polluters pay for climate action; deliver and build on the UK's international climate finance pledges as well as pay into the UN's Loss & Damage Fund; and ban new UK-based fossil fuel projects."

People will be holding vigil and praying 24 hours a day for 10 days outside Parliament to highlight the call for politicians to Make Polluters Pay and actively move away from the use of fossil fuels. Anyone is encouraged to join the vigil, and members of other faiths have planned to do so as have others who share a concern for climate justice.

Anyone who wants to take part can register for a 'slot' at Westminster through the website of any of the agencies above. You can also just turn up! You can also contribute to the vigil from home with prayers for creation, for our global neighbours, for our government and for real change.

A prayer guide is available:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-01/nffif-vigil-from-home-prayer-hour-2024.pdf>

[Some copies available in narthex for people who cannot get online]

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!



The St Felix Plant Sale will take place after Masses on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May 2024. This is the call to all budding gardeners to put the date in their diaries as an event not to be missed!

Any plants, seedlings, cuttings, or other garden paraphernalia will be most welcome and your support is appreciated.

We also hope to be able to run the usual raffle alongside the plant sale and will be grateful for any donations of prizes that we can include please.

Thank you. Sharon, Joe and Joan

Date for your diary:

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 15th March 2024 7.30 pm-9.30 pm.

Kedington Community Centre,
Great Meadow, Arms Lane, Kedington, Haverhill CB9 7QQ

£2 per person (bring your own food and drink).

Details to follow - how to book your place or team in our Quiz.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for weekend 3rd/4th February 2024

Standing orders	£383.00
Collection	£440.82
Total:	£823.82

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

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]

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10th February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Haille Reeve RIP*

Sunday 11th February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sixth Week of the Year

Monday 12th February: 5.30 p.m. Indian Mass

Wednesday 14th February: **ASH WEDNESDAY**
10.00 a.m. Mass *Patrick O’Flanagan RIP*
7.30 p.m. Mass *Roy Buck RIP*

Thursday 15th February: NO MASS TODAY
[Fr John at Diocesan meeting in Poringland]

Friday 16th February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Steve Hawkes INT*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 17th February: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Ellesse Potter RIP*

Sunday 18th February: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*
3.30 p.m. Filipino Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

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