



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

7th December 2025

Psalter - Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 13th December – Angela Rymills, Nora Roberts, Sherly Jose

Saturday 20th December – Molly Shibu, Anu Anto, Zina Pereira

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 7th December – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 14th December -

Dear Friends,

This weekend, the readings invite us to prepare for Christ by changing our hearts and lives. True repentance brings renewal and helps us grow closer to God.

People were drawn to John's bold message and his fearless stand against hypocrisy. He challenged people to change their hearts and to bear good fruit. Repentance was not just about feeling sorry, it was also about changing our lives.

John the Baptist's message challenges how we view our own religious identity. He told people that ancestry and status did not matter if they did not bear good fruit. What matters is how we live our faith. John calls for repentance and we are challenged to go beyond words and to show our faith through actions.

This call to repentance is still relevant. It invites us to examine our actions and attitudes. Advent is a time to reflect and make changes.

Dcn Huw ☺

Reflection questions for the second Sunday of Advent Year A

(with thanks to Young Catholics)

- How can I work for justice and peace in my community?
- What areas of my life need repentance and renewal?
- How do my actions reflect my faith?
- Who are the leaders I follow, and do they promote peace and justice?
- In what ways can I be a better leader to others?
- How does Isaiah's vision of harmony inspire me today?
- What changes can I make to bear good fruit in my life?
- How can I live in hope and trust in God's promises?
- What steps can I take to live in harmony with others?
- How can I prepare my heart for Christ this Advent?

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**TODAY -
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER**

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS



If you would like to make a donation for the Christmas flowers at St. Felix, envelopes will be available in the blue box on the table in the Narthex.

Please write the name or names of those you would like to dedicate flowers to on the envelope.

If the person or persons are deceased, please indicate by writing RIP after their names.

A list of dedications will be placed by the altar during the Christmas season.

Thank you, Dave Arnold, Flower Team Coordinator

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

"Waiting can give us the opportunity to see and hear and feel things we're often too busy to notice. And while we wait, we may see other waiting people, pensioners, parents, disabled people, teenagers, young children, and notice the look in their eyes, the joy, the pain, the hope, the despair; we may see beautiful things, ugly things; we may hear a kind word, a cruel word, a baby's cry, a shout of rage, a snatch of music Such experiences are all part of the Advent journey ".

From a reflection by Sr Teresa White fcJ in 'The Tablet' 26 Nov. 2020

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS Catalogue 2025
available in the narthex.

Full range of gifts available online:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/all>



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:

**Arthur Magill, Tom Kirkby, Alice Groves, Molly Wheeler,
Alan Crompton, Agnes Idden, Basil Bennett.**

During Advent and Christmastime we are asked to pray for:

**Migrants and Refugees,
Expectant Mothers.**

**Pope Leo asks us to join him in December in praying for:
Christians in areas of conflict.**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

PLEASE NOTE:

**There will be NO 10 a.m. weekday Mass on
Tuesday 9th December as Fr John is at
St Felix School for their Annual Nativity Plays**

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.00 a.m. MASS

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025

hosted by members of our Polish community

TODAY!



Please stay for refreshments and a chat.

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Sunday 7th
December**

**Team 5
MALCOLM and MARIA**

**Sunday 14th
December**

**Team 6
ABRAHAM and ANOTHER**

***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	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 6 December	JENNA	JO	ANNE
Sunday 7 December	SUE	ADEMIDE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 13 December	VIOLET	LINDA	ANGELA
Sunday 14 December	SALLY	ALICE	Sign – up sheet in narthex

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....



ST. FELIX CHRISTMAS CLEAN

TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER from 12 midday.

Can you please spend an hour or so to help get our church ready for our Christmas celebrations?

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Free cuppa and good company

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.

Christmas

Shopping List



We're incredibly grateful for anything you can donate to the foodbank to help local people facing hardship this Christmastime.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tubs of chocolates | <input type="checkbox"/> Mince pies* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas cake* | <input type="checkbox"/> Festive savoury nibbles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets | <input type="checkbox"/> Yule log or Stollen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selection boxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas pudding* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crackers for cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Crisps |

Please: No items containing alcohol e.g brandy*

NOT needed:

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| Beans | Soup |
| Pasta | Tinned fish |



NB. No items containing alcohol eg. brandy, please.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
7 th December	MARY MATHEW	1. Christine White? 2. 3.	12?

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.

HYMNS for SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER



92 – Hark a Herald Voice is Calling

101 – Now Watch for God's Coming

108 – The Voice of God

878 – You Shall Go Out

Next choir practice – Tuesday 9th December, 7.00 p.m.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS 2025

ADVENT AT ST FELIX

CHOIR PRACTICES

On Tuesday evenings of Advent at 7 p.m. in church our choir will be practicing the hymns and music for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to join our choir and learn and sing the music of Advent and Christmas you are very welcome to come along.

CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

During Advent there will be a sheet in the narthex for your suggestions for Christmas Carols to be sung over Christmas and the Christmas season. We may not be able to sing all of them but please write your favourite carols on the sheet provided and we will do our best to sing as many of them as possible. Thank you.

ADVENT HOUSE MASS

If you are able to offer your home to welcome people to celebrate with you at 7.30 p.m. on the date below, **please speak to Fr John as soon as possible.** Thank you.

Available date:- **Thursday 18th December, 7.30 p.m.**

CAROLS BEFORE 'MIDNIGHT' MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

There will be carols to sing together with time for personal reflection at **9.30 p.m.** before our 'Midnight' Mass.

All are welcome.

HAVERHILL CHURCHES TOGETHER

LIGHT UP A LIFE

Saturday 13th December, 3.00 p.m.

St Mary's Church, Haverhill High Street.

Hosted by St Nicholas Hospice Care and Haverhill Churches.

Come together to reflect, remember and celebrate those who are special to us.

If you wish, donations may be made to the work of St Nicholas Hospice Care.

CHRISTMAS AT ST FELIX

CHRISTMAS EVE – Wednesday 24th December

Children's Mass for Christmas – 5.00 p.m.

Midnight Mass – 10.00 p.m. Preceded by Carols – 9.30 p.m.



CHRISTMAS DAY – Thursday 25th December

Mass for Christmas Day – 10.00 a.m.

There will be NO Mass on Friday 26th December.

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th December

Masses on Saturday at 6.30 p.m. and Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

FEAST of MARY, HOLY MOTHER of GOD

Thursday 1st January 2026

**11.00 a.m. MASS for PEACE followed by a
'BRING AND SHARE' LUNCH.**



FEAST of the EPIPHANY

Tuesday 6th January 2026

**Masses at 10.00 a.m.
and 7.30 p.m.**

OUR EPIPHANY GIFTS for REACH.

During Advent and Christmas, and coming up to the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (January 6th), we will again make a collection of personal care items to donate to REACH.

Please buy one or two items during the coming weeks of Advent and Christmas. **Keep your personal care gifts at home and bring them to church on the Second Sunday of Christmas - Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th January** - so that everyone's gifts can be collected together as our Epiphany Gift to be donated to REACH.



Items required for:

Men's personal care eg. razor, shaving cream/gel, deodorant

Women's personal care eg. deodorant, moisturiser,

make-up remover

Bathing/showering eg. shower gel, body wash, soap, flannel

Dental/oral care eg tooth brush, tooth paste, mouthwash

Hair care eg shampoo, conditioner, hair brush, comb

Baby/infant care eg. body wash, shampoo, moisturiser, nappies

[NB: NO baby milk or food]

Thank you

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 29th /30th November 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00
Collection: £723.14
Total: **£1194.14**

Second Collections Coming Up

13th/14th December – Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

A collection will be taken for this fund which supports our retired priests, those who are ill and those no longer active in ministry. Please keep them all in your prayers and give thanks for their years of ministry in our diocese.

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*

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
on Saturday evenings from 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.**

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]

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

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

Sunday 7th December: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Vincent Dooley RIP*

SECOND WEEK of ADVENT:

Tuesday 9th December: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 10th December: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Thursday 11th December: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Friday 12th December: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Chris Waters RIP*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Gaudete Sunday

Saturday 13th December: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Joao (John) De Gouveia RIP*

Sunday 14th December: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

**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