



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX
HAVERHILL**

**OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING of the UNIVERSE**

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YOUTH DAY

Sunday 20th November 2022

[Psalter Week 2]

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Sat. 26th November – Angela Rymills, Judith Dance, Jo Rowson & Nora Roberts
Saturday 3rd December – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu & Anu Anto

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 20th November – Jose Family and Ron Hefford
Sunday 27th November -

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

In this year following the death of her late majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of King Charles III we have been, perhaps, made more aware of the role of a king in our lives.

Historically, kings were solely responsible for the well-being of their kingdoms. Although they had a court with whom they would consult, the king yielded the ultimate power, and little could be done or said to question his authority.

Our current King opens and dissolves parliament, invites the Prime Minister to form a government, bills are signed into law by the Royal Assent, and he does have prerogative powers (but is not expected to use them!): he does have some impact on our lives but for most people it is fairly remote. Jesus' presence is, in contrast, all around us. His Kingdom is present every time charity is present. His Kingdom is present every time grace is at work. God is alive in countless ways all around us. We must always strive to see this presence, be inspired by it and love it.

Pope Leo the Great said, 'Christian, be aware of your dignity and nobility - it is God's own nature that you share.' Jesus IS a King, and we are his brothers and sisters - we belong to a royal household. If we open our hearts as well our eyes, we will see Christ the King in everyone we meet. May we treat each other with the dignity and respect deserved

Dcn Huw ☺



CHRISTMAS CARDS for HIGHPOINT

Deacon Huw is making his usual request for Christmas cards which prisoners in Highpoint can send to family and friends.

The cards should have a religious theme and, for security reasons, must be in unopened/sealed packs.

There will be a box in the narthex to collect your donated packs of cards. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023



If you have a child in Year 3 or above at school, and they wish to celebrate their First Holy Communion next year in our parish, please collect information and a form from church.

Return the form to Fr John by Sunday 27th November 2022.

With thanks.

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE



[image source – CaFOD]

HYMNS – SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

325 – Christ is Our King

320 – Hail Redeemer, King Divine

787 – Sing it in the Valleys



**THE SEASON OF ADVENT 2022
begins next weekend (26th / 27th November)**



In Advent God invites us to share his goodness and love. All we must do is be alert and watch and not miss it. Unfortunately, sometimes our world is not watchful, or alert and we miss moments when God is present to us. Sometimes we miss the call of God, we miss God at work in the poverty and struggles of the people of the world. As individuals or as a society, we wander away from God and God's values. The question is: "why?"

In these times and in the season of Advent we try to reflect and try to be watchful and alert so we can encounter God's love for each one of us. With so many pressures and values which are constantly around trying to prevent us being what God wants us to be, so we are invited to hope, to rejoice in the spirit and to love the gifts which we will receive again from the new-born Jesus at Christmas.

As Christians we are always called to be people of hope. We are called to open our eyes to the needs of others especially in this season of Advent, the season of hope, expectation, love and joy.

As we begin Advent next weekend we will bless and light our Advent wreath, reminding us of our journey ahead through the coming season and leading us to the light of the world, Jesus, born for us at Christmas.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2022 at St Felix and out & about

Choir Practices:

Each Tuesday evening of Advent at 6.30 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 box in the narthex for your suggestions for Christmas Carols to be sung on 17th December and over Christmas and the Christmas season. We may not be able to sing all of them but please write your favourite carols on a piece of paper and put it in the box.

Advent House Masses:

are being offered for the Season this year. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. If you are able to offer your home to welcome people to come along to celebrate with you on one of these dates, please speak to Fr John as soon as possible. Thank you

Dates available for Advent House Masses are:

Wednesday 30th November,

Thursday 8th December

Tuesday 13th December;

Wednesday 21st December

Churches Together Christmas Celebrations

Carol Singing – Friday 2nd December 2022

*We are invited to join our fellow Christians for some Carolling at the Christmas market on 2nd December. **The** carol singing will be at 4.50 – 5.10 p.m. Please meet in the upper part of the market square. Carol sheets will be provided.*

Haverhill Outdoor Nativity Live – Saturday 3rd December 2022

We are invited to take part in, or come to watch, the Haverhill Nativity Live on 3rd December. The Nativity walk starts at Haverhill Methodist Church at 12 noon and makes its way to St Mary's Church.

If you are able to help with this event please email Rev. Wendy Norris – revwendy@gmx.com

Transform for Advent:

For young people age 16 – 30 years. Grow in your faith as we approach Christmas! Clare Priory, 9th – 11th December, The weekend includes live music, powerful talks, passionate prayer and interactive workshops, good food and free time! Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and Clare Priory.

Bookings close Sunday 4th December.

See www.transformfestival.uk for more information.

St Felix Christmas Crafts:

Our sale of cards, decorations and small gifts will take place after Mass on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December. Proceeds to REACH HAVERHILL so please support us. Thank you.

Ordination of Canon Peter Collins

as the 5th Bishop of East Anglia

on Wednesday 14th December at 11.30am

in Our Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Norwich

We do not have any tickets left for our Parish for the Ordination of our new Bishop. The Ordination will be live streamed on the Cathedral YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1L1vHKBeZgiaUf6hUxbT0A>

Please keep Canon Peter Collins, our Bishop Elect in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination as our new Bishop.

Please also remember Bishop Alan as he prepares for his well-deserved retirement.

St Nicholas Hospice – ‘Light up a Life’ Service:

takes place at St Mary’s Church, Haverhill on Saturday 17th December at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome to come along.

Carols and Readings on Saturday 17th December at 6.00 p.m:

before the 6.30 p.m. evening Mass. All are welcome to come and sing carols and listen to readings to help us prepare for Christmas.

Carols before ‘Midnight’ Mass on Christmas Eve at 9.30 p.m:

There will be carols for us to sing together with time for personal reflection before our ‘Midnight’ Mass. All are welcome to come.

CHRISTMAS AT ST FELIX

Christmas Eve

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

Midnight Mass – 10.00 p.m. [preceded by carols from 9.30 p.m.]

Christmas Day

Mass for Christmas Day – 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 1st Janary 2023 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Following our usual Sunday Mass at 10am you are welcome to stay for drinks and nibbles to welcome the New Year together.

Friday 6th January 2023 - Feast of the Epiphany

Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 10.00 a.m and 7.30 p.m.

Sat. 7th/Sun 8th January 2023 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This marks the end of the Christmas Season. We will celebrate and renew our Baptismal promises together at our usual weekend Masses on Saturday at 6.30 p.m. and Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

In this month of November we continue to pray for and remember with love all who have died and are at peace with the Lord.

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace and rise in the Glory of the Lord**

Envelopes for intentions for Holy Souls during November are available in the narthex

A basket will be placed on the font, or before the altar, for your envelopes on which you put the names of your deceased relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Inside you may put any donation you wish to make.

All these intentions will be offered at Masses during November.

**WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY:
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER)**

As well as the Diocese taking a group to the International World Youth Day in Portugal next summer, World Youth Sunday, is when the global church recognises and celebrates young people.

The Diocesan Youth Service is holding a special event at St. John's Cathedral, Norwich this Sunday [20th November] 1.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Everyone of secondary school age and upwards is welcome. Amongst other activities, there will be live music, inspiring talks, and good food. See www.rcdea.org/youth for more details.

CaFOD



Please collect a catalogue from the narthex to select a gift that gives twice:

- Christmas wishes for your family and friends,*
- practical help to a person/ community in poorer areas of the world.*



Children between the ages of 4 and 8 are warmly invited to join the Children's Liturgy session.

Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please ensure you register your child in the Narthex before Mass begins.

This week's leaders and helpers:

DATE	LEADER(S)	ADULT HELPERS	YOUNG HELPERS(12+)	CHILD Nos.
20th NOVEMBER 2022	CHRISTINE WHITE	M. Mathew I. Zuffati A. Wilson		24

LAUDATO SI FILM & Why Live Simply

The COP27 conference on our response to climate change has just ended. We await actions to be taken...

This seems a most appropriate time to increase our understanding of the situation and reflection and prayer on what we can/should do.

A member of our J&P group has shared the following with us:

'WHY LIVE SIMPLY' – an animated presentation produced by CaFOD for schools but a clear explanation for those of us of any age – <https://youtu.be/5ZDNgb7VBwQ>

'THE LETTER: A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH' – This is a new documentary film by You Tube Originals showing the story of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* and effects of the climate crisis on different peoples and nature. Just search the title of the film and it will come up.

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 all people who have requested prayers through our 'Intentions Book', especially **Sheila Nyamakura** who is seriously ill, and **Katherine and Marisa** for whom we are asked to pray.
- Please remember in your prayers those members of our Parish who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.
- Pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine, and for wise and just decisions from world leaders.
- Pray for all those people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray for a timely and positive outcome from the COP 27 Climate Conference currently taking place in Egypt.
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to meet their needs, especially those who are our local neighbours. Remember the work of 'REACH' in your prayers. Pray for the people in the world suffering and dying for lack of food.
- 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 pupils and staff of St. Felix School and all the people of our parish.

Pray for all we know and love who have died, and for those who grieve.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Elizabeth Whitehead, Ellen Fletcher, George France, Peggy Lovejoy,
Brigid Williams, Stanley Sloper, Francis Boyle, Ellen Guinivan.

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

The Reverent Use of Creation and The Harvest, 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.

In November, **Pope Francis** asks us to pray with him for *Children who suffer*. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

ANYONE IN NEED OF HELP IN THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS?

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:

01440 712950

info@reachhaverhill.org.uk

Contact hours: Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm

[Reach Haverhill: Get Support](#)

FOODBANK SHORTAGES

We've started to collect a few festive treats for our Christmas hampers so if you're able to help us with one or two items from our list this week, we would be so grateful





RED BOX HOLDERS

Please bring your Red Box church for emptying by the end of November so all monies can be banked in early December. The emptied boxes will be available for collection in the narthex

Continued thanks for all donations through the Red Box or the Missio website.

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PARISH FINANCES

COLLECTIONS/WEEKLY OFFERING & DONATIONS:

Collections for the weekend of 12th/13th November 2022:

Standing orders:	£296.00
Collection:	£322.50
Total:	£618.50

£139.71 for candles

Thank you for your generosity to our parish community

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

***Saturday evening
from
5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.***

... or at another time
by request to Fr John.

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK

Please feel free to enter any intentions in this book in the narthex, and these will be offered at all Masses.

[Please write 'YES' beside your intention if you wish the intention to reach more people by being put in the Parish Newsletter, which also appears on the Parish website] 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/>

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE, Youth Day.

Saturday 19th November: Eucharistic Adoration 5.45-6.15 p.m.
Mass 6.30 p.m. *The People of the Parish*
Sunday 20th November: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Colin Lyons RIP*

Thirty-fourth week of the Year

Wednesday 23rd November Mass 10.00 a.m. *Private Int.*
Thursday 24th November Mass 10.00 a.m. *Private Int.*
Friday 25th November Mass 10.00 a.m. *Private Int.*
Followed by 'Friday Break'

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Saturday 26th November: Eucharistic Adoration 5.45-6.15 p.m.
Mass 6.30 p.m. *The People of the Parish*
Sunday 27th November: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Jacqui M-Morris RIP*

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