



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,  
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY**  
**in Ordinary Time.**  
*(Evangelii Gaudium Sunday)*

**21st September 2025**

Psalter – Week 1

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**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,  
Juvana Jestine, Josh Cijo**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Nnenna Exugwu, Chinoso Mfon-Eddie, Stella Ugama,  
Kelechi Onwodi, Nellie Malango**

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Buendia Family & Ron White**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Jose Family**

**EXPOSITION and ADORATION**  
**OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

**4.30 – 6.30 p.m.**

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

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY** is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. We proclaim the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart.

This year, the Church has been celebrating a significant anniversary. It's 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea. This great gathering of Bishops from around the Church began the work to formulate the creed we proclaim Sunday by Sunday. It is the content of this creed that is our mission, so that we may know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with him forever in the next. **The creed begins with a profound proclamation, "I believe..."**

**This is the theme for *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2025*.**

A collection will be taken to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate – you can give a donation in the basket on the font or via our Donan Card Machine using the Evangelii Gaudium Sunday button.

*Thank you*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**There will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Wednesday as Fr John is attending a Funeral in Peterborough.**

**Also there will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Friday as Fr John is at the Cathedral in Norwich with St Felix School for the Annual Diocesan Schools Mass with Bishop Peter.**

**From a Reflection by Abbot Hugh Allan O’Praem**  
**[Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales]**  
**for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**

The creed begins with a profound proclamation, “I believe.”

These words of the creed sum up the heart of being part of the Church, because when we say, “I believe”, we also say “I belong.”

At the heart of it all, the Christian must be a believer, to be able to say, “I believe,” someone who converses with God. If this is not the case, then all our activities are futile. The most important thing we can do for ourselves and for each other is, first of all, to be a believer. Through this we let God come into the world. And if God is not at work, our work will never be enough; when people sense that someone is there who believes, who lives with God and from God, hope becomes a reality in their lives.

Through the faith of the Christian, doors open up all around for people: it is really possible to believe, even today. All human believing is a believing-with, and for this reason the one who believes before us is so important. Where were we inspired to believe? Who handed on to us the gift of the faith? This year, we celebrate the faith and belief of the Bishops at Nicaea. They handed on to us a way in which we can proclaim the truth of who God is and who we are as the people of God.

As the gospel of St John reminds us, “Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” (John 6.29). To do the work of God is to believe.

St. Augustine tells us that God made us to make the times, not the times to make us, and unless we make the times better with the light of Jesus Christ, then the times will make us worse with the darkness of despair. This is only possible when we say with honest and open hearts “I believe.” Hope is despair overcome and the way we enkindle hope in the hearts of all is to believe.

As we rejoice in the gift of the creed, 1,700 years since the great Council of Nicaea, through all the ups and downs of life, may we be able to say with joyful hearts, “yes Lord, I believe.” Amen.

## 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/> )

## **2025 SEASON OF CREATION**

***"Through prayer and action we must repair our human relationships with Earth, with other creatures and with God."***

We are taking a few moments each day in personal and/or liturgical prayer for 'Peace with Creation'.

The second element of our Care for Creation is action. Dcn. Huw reminded us recently that **we can each do something** to care more for our common home.

In 'Laudate Deum' Pope Francis said that the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international level. **However**, he continued, cultural changes will not take place without personal changes.

"Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture. The mere fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsibilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of interest shown by the powerful. Let us realise, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society" [LD 71]

### **DECIDE TODAY ON ONE MORE ACTION YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP BRING ABOUT THESE PROCESSES OF TRANSFORMATION.**

An action like removing another single-use plastic from your daily life, like buying more locally produced products, buying more fairtrade/rainforest alliance products, improving your recycling and reusing, petitioning local and national authorities. You have your own ideas - turn at least one into action!



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*Look out for the Fairtrade symbol when you shop*



<https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en/get-involved/campaign-with-us>



### **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](mailto: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*

## **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 Isabelle & Maria, Christiane Kobus, Grazyna Shelle, Anaanais & family and as yet unborn Helga & her family. Particularly remember those who are ill including Carl Scamp, Dave Morgan, Mary Morgan, Alwyn Marchon, Andrea Savage, Jackie Collins, Fr Adrian Gates, Lata and Anaania..
- Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by effects of climate change.
- Pray that everyone will do what they can to care for 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 .
- 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:**

**Lee Whitehead, Dennis Lyons, Patrick O'Brien, Ellen Jennings,  
William Griffin, James Hegarty, Elsie Pryce, Baby Thomas.**

**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 Leo asks us to join him in September in praying for all of creation**

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



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Evelyn and Tony Fauch  
are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning  
**on Friday 26th September from 10 a.m. – 12 noon**  
at their home: 26 Poplar Close, Haverhill. CB9 9EJ.  
*All are welcome to come along.*

## ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Sunday 21st  
September**

**Team 6**  
ABRAHAM and ?

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>  
September**

**Team 1**  
CAROL and DAVE/BINOY

***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 <sup>st</sup> READING	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 20 September	LINDA	JO	ANNE
Sunday 21 September	MARITA	JENNA	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 27 September	JO	VIOLET	MURRY
Sunday 28 September	ASIN	ASWIN	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](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk)**

**Contact hours:** Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.



## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2026**



We run a preparation programme for children in Year 3 or above and their parents each year on Saturday afternoons in term time from **January until June**. We look forward to teaching and supporting the children and parents to develop their understanding of the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, and to celebrating with you.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you feel they are ready to participate in the programme, you should complete a registration form, which will be available in person from 1st November from Fr John at church. The completed form should be returned to Fr. John by 30th November. Unfortunately, due to limited space and for safety reasons, we have to restrict the number of children we may accept on the programme to twenty. We will only accept official completed forms returned by the deadline, not photocopies.

The St Felix programme is a partnership between the catechists and parents/guardians, and your support at home is vital to your child's learning and engagement.

If anyone has any questions about the programme, please speak to me, Fr John or Deacon Huw.

Mrs Angela Wilson (Parish Catechist)

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	ANGELA WILSON	1. ? 2. ? 3. ?	?

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 when Children's Liturgy recommences in September please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

### HYMNS for SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER



**883 – Christ Be Our Light**

**847 – Oh Lord, All the World Belongs to  
You**

**820 – Seek Ye First**

**880 – Tell Out My Soul**

*Next choir practice on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00 p.m.***

### ST FELIX PARISH PROJECT 2025

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



*Sr. Orla Treacy, Director of Loreto Rumbek Schools  
with some of the young girls/women who attend  
the secondary school.*

Over the last few months we have been working together as a parish to raise money for Loreto Rumbek School.

Our newsletter has contained information and news about the schools, associated projects and some of the students' stories to help us appreciate the work and achievements our donations will help support.

**This weekend we welcome**

**Sr. Orla and Sr. Noelle who are joining us for Mass  
at 6.30 p.m. - SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
and 10.00 a.m. - SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

**They will talk to us about the school and Rumbek  
mission and how the money we have raised will help.**

*Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our minimum target of **£1000**  
and have raised in excess of **£1700** for the Loreto Rumbek School and  
associated projects which rely on sponsors and donations from people  
like us. The more we can give, the more they can do. Thank you.*



# Open Morning

Saturday 27th September 2025



Find out more about our wonderful school at our Open Morning for prospective Year 7 students.

10am to 12.30pm on 27th September 2025

For more information about applying for a Year 7 place for September 2026, please visit our website at: [www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk)



**St Benedict's  
Catholic School**

*Developing Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience  
through Prayer and Work*

### **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](mailto: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

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will take place on:

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7 p.m. in St Felix Church.**

All are welcome to attend.

Any questions or items for discussion can be placed in the box on the table in the narthex or handed to / or emailed to, either Fr John, or Deacon Huw.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

[stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk)

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

**PLEASE NOTE NEW E.MAIL ADDRESS**

## **PARISH FINANCES**

### **Collection for the weekend 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£549.01
Total:	£970.01

**£15.00 for our Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan**  
**Total - £1748.86**

### **Second Collections Coming Up**

#### **This Week-end – Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday)**

A collection will be taken to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

#### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October – collection to support the work of CAFOD

#### **18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> October – World Mission Sunday.**

A collection will be taken to support the work of Missio

#### **13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December – Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund**

A collection will be taken for this fund which supports our retired priests, those who are ill and those who are 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*

## **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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**[EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY]**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Mary George RIP*

### **TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK of the YEAR:**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Joe Crowe RIP*

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September: NO MASS TODAY

### **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Paul Cook 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.**

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