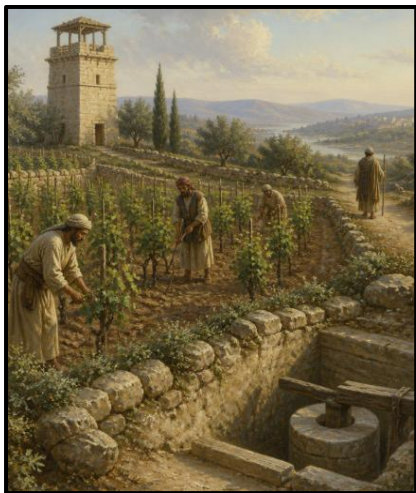




PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 4th October 2026

Psalter - Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 10th October – Nnenna Ezugwu, Chinonso Mfon-Eddie,
Stella Ugama, Kelechi Onwodi, Nellie Malango**

**Saturday 17th October – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw,
Anne O’Flanagan, Helen Burns, Malcolm M.**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 4th October – Volunteers please

Sunday 11th October – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field

Dear Friends,

Today I offer

A REFLECTION ON THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS
BY FR. PATRICK VAN DER VORST

We are used to thinking in terms of investment and return. We invest money in a house hoping its value will rise. We invest time and energy in our work and hope we will get a salary increase or a promotion. Students invest hard in their studies, expecting their efforts to bear fruit. Perhaps the greatest investment we ever make, though, is in other people. Parents pour extraordinary amounts of love, patience, time and sacrifice into their children, hoping that what they have given will help them flourish. Yet... life teaches us that investment and return do not always match. Markets fall, examinations go badly, projects fail, and sometimes the people to whom we have given most seem to give very little back.

That is the painful image at the heart of today's first reading. Isaiah describes a landowner who lavishes care upon his vineyard. He chooses good ground, clears away the stones, plants the finest vines and builds everything necessary for a successful harvest. He could hardly have done more. Naturally, he waits for good grapes. Instead, the vineyard produces sour ones. Isaiah then reveals that the vineyard is an image of God's people. God had given them so much, hoping to find justice and goodness growing among them. Instead, he finds violence and hears the cries of those who are suffering. The problem was not that God had failed to give enough; it was that what he had given had not been allowed to bear fruit.

And yet this is where the story of God becomes so remarkable. Faced with such a poor return, God does not withdraw his investment. He gives more. In the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the owner of the vineyard finally sends his own son. Even when the son is rejected and killed, God still does not abandon humanity. The Cross becomes the extraordinary sign of just how much God is prepared to invest in us. We may disappoint him, ignore what he gives us and produce rather more sour grapes than we would care to admit. Yet God continues to sow. His generosity towards us is far greater than the return we could ever offer him.

(I recommend Fr. Patrick's Christian Art website and daily e-mails:
[CHRISTIAN ART | Daily Gospel Reading & Art Reflection](#))

Dcn Huw ☺



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

We now approach the final days of this Season of Creation which has focused our thoughts this year on the theme of 'Living Water'.

The gift of living water brings life and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

To become part of God's river of life we must cherish, protect and conserve the precious, life-giving water we have been given. There are many actions we can take to look after the water, so essential for our lives and the whole of Creation. Now is the time to make the actions that we have taken to conserve, renew and protect our water during this Season of Creation, into an integral part of the way we live, contributing long-term to 'God's River of Life'.

If you haven't already done so, please bring your water drops recording your actions to save and heal our precious water to church this weekend.

Together they form St. Felix's action contributing to the healing of the waters of God's River of Life.



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

From: Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations - 30/9/2024

For Francis and Clare of Assisi, Jesus became someone to actually imitate, not just worship. Since Jesus himself was humble and poor, Francis made the pure and simple imitation of Jesus his life's agenda. In fact, he often did it in an almost absurdly literal way. He was a fundamentalist-- not about doctrinal Scriptures -- but about 'lifestyle Scriptures': take nothing for your journey; eat what is set before you; work for your wages; wear no shoes. This is still revolutionary thinking for most Christians, although it is the very 'marrow of the gospel' to use Francis' own phrase. He knew that 'humans tend to live themselves into new ways of thinking more than think themselves into new ways of living.

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



THIS WEEKEND - SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

You are invited to come and spend time in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 4 th October	MARY MATHEW	1. Christine White 2. Nellie Malango 3. ?	18

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READER	2 nd READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 3 rd October	JENNA	LINDA	KAREN
Sunday 4 th October			Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 10 th October	JO	KAREN	ANNE
Sunday 11 th October			Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 4 th October	Team 6 MALCOLM and ADARSH
Sunday 11 th October	Team 2 SUE and DAVE
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

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 or have health concerns.
- Please continue to pray for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by conflict.
- Pray for people living in any form of poverty. Remember the work of REACH and everyone associated with it.
- Pray for people and lands devastated by natural disasters and 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 that migrants and refugees 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joannes Lawson, Eileen Borley, Kathleen Williams, Maria Barrett, Theresa Carter, Noel Lee, Christopher Tobin, Jennefer Gauld, Ethel O'Connell, Celine Wright, Edward Jones, John Bidwell.

During Autumn (to the Feast of Christ the King) we are asked to pray for:
The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation, Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families, All Victims of War, Young People.

Pope Leo asks us to join him in October in prayer for:

Mental Health Ministry.

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.



Reach Community Projects

Harvest shopping list 2026

Just one or two items from the list would be greatly appreciated!

☐ Long – life milk	☐ Condiments
☐ Long – life fruit juice	☐ Crackers
☐ Tinned fruit	☐ Noodles
☐ Tinned tomatoes	☐ Tea
☐ Tinned Vegetables	☐ Coffee
☐ Fruit Squash	☐ Toiletries
☐ Chocolate/snacks	☐ Toilet roll
☐ Jams	☐ Ladies/Mens deodorant
☐ Tinned Meat	☐ Pasta sauce

Please ,no beans, soup, pasta and cereals

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Welcome to St Felix Parish. If you have just moved into the area or have found us for the first time - You are most welcome.

RCIA/Journey of Faith

Our journey of faith has begun. If you are interested in coming along, please speak with Fr John. We are offering in our Parish a time of preparation for those seeking to be welcomed as members of the Catholic Church. Our Parish Journey of Faith course follows the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and is a time of prayer, preparation, celebration and welcome into the Catholic Church. This time of preparation leads up to the Easter Vigil next year.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or would like to find out more about the Church please speak to Fr. John or Deacon Huw

If you wish to speak to the parish priest, Fr John, please do not hesitate to call him on 01440 702156 or email him at

john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk

MASS AT EASTCOTTS NURSING HOME.

On Wednesday 7th October at 11 a.m.

Fr John will be celebrating Mass at Eastcotts Nursing Home for 4 Catholic residents. If you would like to come along to this, to pray with and support our parishioners who are resident at Eastcotts, please speak to Fr John.

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, Special Collections and Second Collections, CAFOD, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations, Parish Project 2026 – Sunflower SEND Hub.

St Felix Parish Project 2026:



The **Sunflower SEND Hub** is a local charity based in Queen Street, Haverhill. It offers support services tailored to meet the needs of local children and young people who have SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

The team at the Hub is committed to ensuring that every child receives the support they require in safe, structured environments to enable them to thrive. The Sunflower SEND Hub also provides support and guidance to families; parents and other care givers. (Visit the Sunflower Hub website, <https://www.sunflowersendhub.org> for more information)

Donations from people like us enable the Sunflower Hub to continue their vital work in supporting local families who have children with SEND. By donating to Sunflower SEND Hub, we can directly impact the lives of these children and their families.

A resource that the Hub particularly wishes to purchase for the children and young people who use their service is an interactive touch screen. This technology would benefit children of all ages and abilities supporting communication, education, social and life skills and other activities.



Here's where we can be of help...

...We challenge ourselves to raise £1500 towards the cost of an interactive screen for the Sunflower SEND Hub.

You can donate to this important local service straight away using the Dona Card Machine - 'Sunflower SEND Hub'

...DOING 2 GOOD THINGS AT ONCE...

Help increase our reusing/recycling efforts
AND support **The Sunflower SEND Hub** in Haverhill.



From next weekend recycled Christmas cards will be
available to buy in the narthex - **4 cards for £1**
All proceeds will go to our parish project to raise
£1500 for **the Sunflower SEND Hub**.
[see information above]

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO 10 a.m. Mass on Thursday 8th October
as Fr John is attending a meeting of the Rural Deans of the
Diocese at Poringland with Bishop Peter.

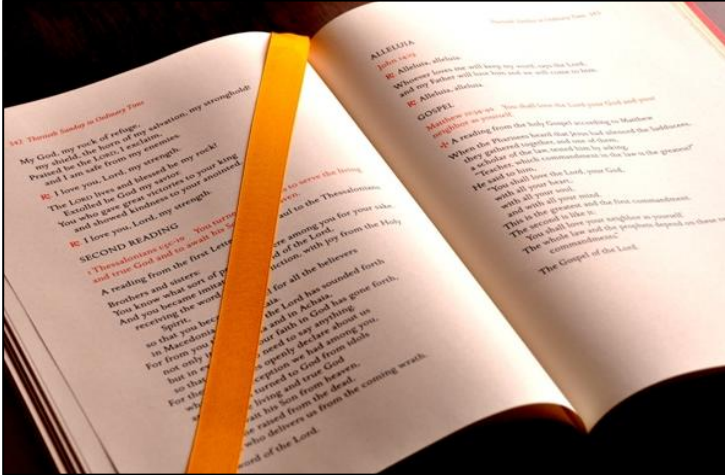
TO CONTACT A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY...

If Fr. John is away from the Parish, please contact either:

Bury St Edmunds Parish on 01284 754358.
or Newmarket Parish on 01638 662492
or Clare Parish on 01787 277326
or call 07773 478835.

Thank you.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



Have you ever considered becoming a reader in church? If so, please come to an introductory training session

**on SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
from 10.30 till 12 midday.**

Attending this session does not commit you to becoming a reader but will give you an insight into this important ministry and what it involves.

We would very much like to have readers from a variety of age groups and from all the communities which enrich our parish on both Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

To register please email suearnold47@yahoo.co.uk or phone, text or WhatsApp me on 07790 319393.

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

**Come and join us for a
SILENT RETREAT DAY with “SLOW STITCHING”
at Margaret Beaufort Institute.
Wednesday 18th November 2026, 10.30 a.m - 4.00 p.m
Welcome and refreshments from 10.00 a.m.**

The theme is “Autumn Gold” – Let Go and Let It Be

This retreat will be led by Jacqueline Tevlin, Spiritual Director. The Retreat will be comprised of two led Sessions of Reflection and two Sessions of “Slow Stitching” with a beautiful, unique, themed Stitching Kit.

No sewing experience necessary.

<https://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/events/event/item/autumn-gold-silent-retreat-day-with-slow-stitching/>



A new Parish Census form is now available online via our Parish Website www.stfelixchurch.org.uk or via the QR code displayed in church. Printed copies are also available in the narthex. We are asking you to complete either an online form or a form in church so we can put together an up-to-date data base for our parish.

Please be reassured your data will be kept secure and will be held under our Diocesan GDPR rules, and will only be used to enable Fr. John and Deacon Huw to exercise their pastoral ministry and care for our parish.

Please complete or return your Parish Census form by the end of October 2026.

Thank you.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 26th/27th September 2026

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £582.52

Total: £1003.52

Second collections coming up

This weekend - 3rd/4th October – Harvest Fast Day collection to support the work of CAFOD in response to long-term need and emergency situations.

17th/18th - World Mission Sunday (Missio)

A collection will be taken to support the work of Missio.

12th/13th December – Diocesan Dependent Priests Fund

This fund supports our retired priests, those who are ill, and those who are no longer active in ministry.

Please keep them in your prayers, and we give thanks for their years of ministry in our Diocese.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS



**TODAY -
Sunday 4th October**

**Please stay for
a Cuppa and a Chat**

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please note:

It is a requirement of

**The Catholic Safeguarding
Standards Agency [CSSA],**

which is our church's national safeguarding organisation, that children who need to use the toilet while in church must always be accompanied by an adult.

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 A, Weekday readings Year II]

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3rd October: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Fr Eric Doyle OFM, RIP*

Sunday 4th October: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Twenty-seventh week of the Year

Tuesday 6th October: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Pat White INT*

Wednesday 7th October: ***Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary***
10.00 a.m. Mass *Serban Family INT*

Thursday 8th October: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 9th October: ***Feast of St. John Henry Newman***
10.00 a.m. Mass *Anne Heslop INT*

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10th October: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Walter Poulter INT*

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
take place on Saturday evening 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