



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX
HAVERHILL**

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

Sunday 26th February 2023
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Psalter – Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:

Sat. 4th March - Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White, Malcolm M.
11th March – Angela Rymills, Judith Dance, Jo Rowson & Nora Roberts

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:

Sunday 26th February – Pat & P.J. Sheehy and Annette Field
Sunday 5th March – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Dear Friends,

Happy Lent.

Having begun our journey through this Season of Lent we are given the opportunity to take a moment for reflection. Whatever we have decided to do for ourselves during Lent, giving somethings up or doing something extra, we can be reassured on our journey in Lent that when we have done what we can, God will do what we can't.

In the wilderness, there is no obvious nourishment, no water and no food. In some areas of the world, the wilderness or desert is a place of bare survival and water is the key to life. There are no support networks, no friends and no entertainment. The wilderness is a place of contemplation where we take time to choose our next actions. We think, look at our options and make decisions and commitments.

In the wilderness, Jesus faced the temptation of turning away from God and seeking glory for himself. For us too, the wilderness is a place of searching where we must face up to ourselves, and to our own personal temptations. Am I greedy? Selfish? Over-ambitious? Am I compassionate enough to share what I have with those who have little or nothing? Sometimes it feels as though we are bombarded by temptation - it is hard to hear the voice of God above the hubbub of everyday life.

How can I make time and space to listen to God? What are my temptations, and what practical steps could I take to turn away from them towards God? All these questions call us to continue following Jesus during these days to renew us in our faith and prepare us to commemorate His Passion, Death and Resurrection as we come to Holy Week and Easter, and the joy of the Risen Jesus.

Wishing you every blessing and prayers for this Season of Lent
Fr John and Deacon Huw



CAFOD has responded with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months and throughout the year have made that quick response possible.

For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather.

God of mercy,
We pray for the people of Türkiye and Syria
following the recent earthquakes.
We mourn the death and destruction.
and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope

We hold in our hearts those who are injured,
and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope

Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.
Grant those affected courage and resilience,
as they rebuild their lives and communities.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope

Inspire us to unite in solidarity,
acting swiftly and generously,
so that help may reach all who need it.

Amen.

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE GARDENING TEAM

Is there anyone in the parish who has a garden composter with lid that they would like to donate for use in the church grounds, please?

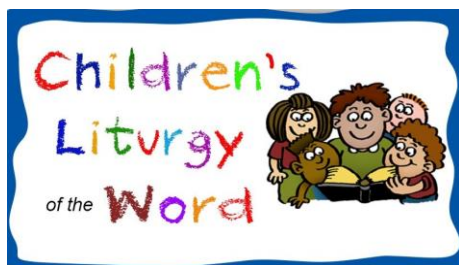
A *Diary Date* for all our growers and buyers:

**Our next plant sale is on
Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May 2023**

All your plant donations are so welcome and we appreciate all your support.

We also hope to run a raffle, so any unwanted gifts to use as prizes would be very welcome.

Thank you Joan, Joe and Sharon



THIS WEEK'S LEADERS & HELPERS

DATE	LEADER(S)	ADULT HELPERS	YOUNG HELPERS(12+)	CHILD Nos.
26 th FEBRUARY 2023	ANGELA WILSON	I. Zuffati C. White M. Mathew		24
5 th March 2023	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS WEEK CHILDREN'S MASS for LENT			

Children and families:

Children's books to borrow during Mass are available on a rug in the narthex. You are welcome to use these.

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE
and all places of conflict around the world

Lord, send us the gift of peace

Watch over the people of Ukraine, and in all places of conflict
Who face violence and fear,
Have been separated from loved ones and have lost their
homes and homelands.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

Lead them to a place of safety,
Comfort those who grieve and bring healing to those in pain.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

Convert the hearts of those who commit violence and wage war
Turn them away from persecution towards peace.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

Turn hatred to understanding and anger to compassion.
Through your love, transform horror into hope.

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

And fill us all with your Spirit,
So that with one voice, throughout the world,
We may cry out:

Lord, send us the gift of peace.

Catherine Gorman/CAFOD (slightly adapted)



HYMNS

First Sunday of Lent – 26.02.2023

199 – Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

202 – Lord Jesus We Turn From Sin

952 – On Eagles Wings

934 – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Ukraine Appeal Update: 1 year after the invasion

[24th February 2023]

CAFOD thanks you all for your support to the Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal. Your donations are making a real difference to the people living through the conflict.

One way your donations are helping:

With Food:

In Ukraine - Provision of food assistance including hot food and food parcels at soup kitchens, and home deliveries for vulnerable individuals in hard to access areas.



In Kharkiv, Yana is a bicycle volunteer. When fuel is running low, crucial aid delivery can't be made by trucks and cars. CAFOD is supporting Depaul Ukraine to organise a team of bicycle volunteers – brave, defiant people like Yana – to deliver supplies to people who cannot leave their homes, including older people and people living with disabilities.

Thanks to your donations, and the incredible bravery of bicycle volunteers like Yana, vital food baskets reach 700 vulnerable people in Kharkiv on a regular basis.

Depaul Ukraine is an organisation CAFOD partners with and which has teams in Kyiv and Odessa as well as Kharkiv. Each day they deliver vital food and all together they are able to reach over 22,000 people with regular supplies.

In Romania, Poland and Moldova – your donations help with the provision of food assistance at refugee accommodation centres including hot food, food parcels, and vouchers.

**Donations to the Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal
Can be made through the CAFOD website**

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'
- Please remember in your prayers members of our Parish who are housebound or being cared for in our local care and nursing homes.
- Pray for people who are lonely, or separated from family and friends
- Pray for all those people and environments severely affected by climate change. Pray that national leaders will work together responsibly and lead their nations in reducing 'greenhouse gases'.
- 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 people seeking employment and those unable to work
- 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 especially **PATRICK O'FLANAGAN**, who died recently. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for comfort for Ann and his family and friends.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sheila Rowley, Elizabeth Poole, Patricius Guiton,
Doris Fish, Maria Ramsey

During Lent, we are asked to pray for:

Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry of the World, The People of Taiwan on The World Day of Prayer, Penitents and Wanderers.

In March, **Pope Francis** asks us to pray with him for **Victims of Abuse** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2023



Having started our journey through the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday we make our way through the 40 days of Lent leading us to the most sacred and faith filled days of the year; **The Easter Triduum; Holy Thursday - Good Friday – The Easter Vigil** to take us from Lent into the Season of Easter to celebrate the Risen Jesus.

As we pray together through Lent we remember everyone in our parish community, we pray for our wider community and especially for peace for many in our world, particularly remembering Ukraine at this time of the first anniversary of the Russian invasion.

Rite of Election at our Cathedral in Norwich – Sunday 26th February at 3.30pm

This Easter we are welcoming

Katie Price

into the church at the Easter Vigil.

As part of her Journey of Faith, Katie, with her sponsor, Caroline (her mum) will join people on the same journey from across the Diocese at the beginning of Lent for the Rite of Election in our Cathedral with Bishop Peter. During this service the names of all those preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil will be formally read out and they are welcomed and prayed for by Bishop Peter on behalf of the whole Diocesan Family. All are welcome to come and join Katie, Caroline and Fr John for this important event. For more details please speak to Fr John. Please keep Katie and Caroline in your prayers as Katie prepares to be welcomed into the church and to celebrate Confirmation and the Eucharist with us for the first time at the Easter Vigil.

Lent House Masses

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

Friday 3rd March, Thursday 9th March, Wednesday 22nd March, Thursday 30th March.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd March



There is a service for the World Day of Prayer
in St Mary's Church, Haverhill at 12 noon.

Focus country – TAIWAN

Theme – "I have heard about your faith"

All are invited to come along to pray together.



Lent Family Fast Day - Friday 3rd March

This is an opportunity for us to eat simply, to pray and to give what we can. Our support will give more families around the world the tools and training they need to fight the climate crisis.

Today we pray with CAFOD and their worldwide partners Envelopes are available in the Narthex for CAFOD Lent Fast Day donations and there will be a collection for CAFOD at Mass on 4th/5th March.

Children's Mass for Lent – Sunday 5th March 10 a.m.

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

Refreshments after 10 a.m. Mass – Sunday 5th March

We will be serving refreshments after Mass
All are welcome to stay and chat over a cuppa or a cold drink.



Parish Feast Day of St Felix – Wednesday 8th March

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St Felix Church
Come and celebrate our Parish Saint.

Screening of ‘The Letter: A Message for our Earth’

Wednesday 8th March, 7.00 p.m. in the narthex.

[Light snacks will be available]

This documentary film [Oct 2022] tells the story of Pope Francis’ call to care for our planet which he expressed in his 2015 encyclical ‘Laudato Si’, a letter to the world, and each of us personally. It confronts the impending calamity of human impact on the Earth and ourselves. ‘Laudato Si’ is one of the most ambitious and revolutionary papal statements in history and outlines the most critical environmental and social issues that we collectively face.

It has been described as ‘a **must see** for anyone who cares about the earth; our common home’, and its people. So if you haven’t seen the film, or would like to watch it again, come along to be informed and inspired to consider further actions to protect and heal our planet

Celebrating our Parish Saint on 11th and 12th March

At both our Sunday Masses we will celebrate our Parish Saint.

We will reflect on St Felix,
and pray especially for our Parish School
as they celebrate their Golden Jubilee this year.

Deanery Station Mass – Tuesday 14th 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 from 6 p.m.
Refreshments will be available after Mass.

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.

Children's Liturgy for Lent

During Lent our Children's Liturgy Group will help our children
to prepare for Easter during our 10 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Prayer Vigil for Peace – Thursday 23rd March, 7.30 p.m.



Sadly, a year on, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the
conflict there continue.

There are also many other countries around the world where war
and conflict devastate the lives of the people and destroy and
ruin the land.

We will hold another vigil of prayer for
PEACE

in Ukraine and around the world.

Please come together to hold our brothers and sisters in prayer

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2023

Palm Sunday - 1st/2nd April

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 - 4th April

Chrism Mass in Norwich at the Cathedral at 12 noon.

Wednesday of Holy Week - 5th April

Mass at St Felix Church – 10 a.m.

Triduum



HOLY THURSDAY - 6th April

Altar Servers Rehearsal in St Felix Church – 10 a.m.

Children's Service of Holy Thursday – 3 p.m. in St Felix Church

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30 p.m. **in St Felix Church**

Watching until 10.30 p.m. ending with Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY - 7th April

Ecumenical Procession of Witness at 10 a.m.
(Details to follow)

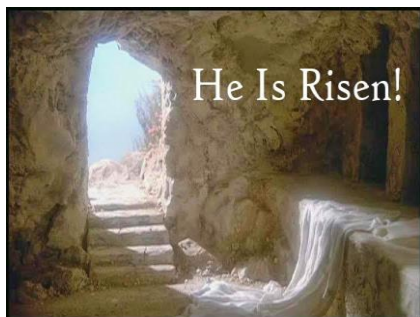
Children's Service for Good Friday – 12 noon in St Felix Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. in St Felix Church

Stations of the Cross at 7.30 p.m. in St Felix Church

HOLY SATURDAY - 8th April

The Easter Vigil at 8.30 p.m. in St Felix Church



EASTER SUNDAY - 9th April

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

We continue to work towards being a
 **live simply**

Parish

Copies of our **'LiveSimply'** registration certificate and our Action Plan are on the J&P noticeboard for your information.

We have already completed many of our actions but we must maintain and extend them, continually striving to make living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with people who are poor or in need, the way we live our everyday lives as individuals and families.

A Member of our J&P group reminds us 'Why Live Simply?'

Do the everyday choices we make affect the health of our planet and people around the world? Yes. Let's think about the world we live in and all the messages that tell us the way to be happy is to have more 'stuff', that the more we have the better our lives will be. Chasing happiness in this way can feel as if we are on a treadmill and even when we do get the things we want we still want more. And on and on it goes! This is the engine that drives pollution, climate change and global poverty. We need another way, a new engine. Living simply provides this.

Living simply is about finding happiness not by having more but in 'being' more. Slowing down, finding time to reflect and pray helps us to reconnect with God's world, including each other, valuing our relationships with all people near and far, valuing personal growth and caring for the earth. Instead of feeling separate or in competition with others we will see them as brothers and sisters.

See Cafod's animation video on YouTube:

[https:// youtu.be/5ZDNgb7VBwQ](https://youtu.be/5ZDNgb7VBwQ)

During this season of Lent, we may be thinking about Lenten promises. This is an opportunity to revisit our Creation Promises made in the Season of Creation last year and recommit ourselves to those promises, extend them and take them a stage further, keep our original promises and add new ones.... Look at the list in the narthex to remind ourselves and generate new ideas.... and pray

LiveSimply Prayer

Compassionate and loving God,
you created the world for us all to share,
a world of beauty and plenty.
Create in us a desire to live simply,
so that our lives may reflect your generosity.

Creator God,
you gave us responsibility for the earth,
a world of riches and delight.
Create in us a desire to live sustainably,
so that those who follow after us
may enjoy the fruits of your creation.

God of peace and justice,
you give us the capacity to change,
to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom.
Create in us a desire to act in solidarity,
so that the pillars of injustice crumble
and those now crushed are set free.

Amen.

Linda Jones/CAFOD

CONCERT IN AID OF REACH

We are organising a fund raising concert for **REACH**

**The concert will be at the Haverhill Arts Centre
on Friday 12th May 2023.**

and will feature some great musicians and singers.
Tickets are £10 each from the Arts Centre Box Office.

All proceeds will go to Reach.

Please support this very worthy charity.

David and Marie Caulfield



**A NEW, FREE, LOCAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION
AND LISTENING SERVICE**

Want to know more about what groups and services are on offer in Haverhill? Or just fancy relaxing in a comfy warm and friendly environment?

Pop in to see us at

45a High Street, Haverhill. Tel: 01440 702134

Or email: thelinkhaverhill@salvationarmy.org.uk

Tuesdays - Fridays

10.00am - 4.00pm

Charity number England (214779), Wales (214779), Scotland (SC009359) and the Republic of Ireland (CHY6399)

HAVERHILL & DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

'WARM HUBS' in Haverhill

MONDAYS 9.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

**River of Life Community Church
Chalkstone Community Centre, Millfields Way**

WEDNESDAYS

10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Next Door Café, Camps Road
1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Methodist Church Hall, 28 Camps Road

THURSDAYS 9.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

West End Congregational Church, 9 Withersfield Road

FRIDAYS 9.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

St Mary's Church, High Street

Also check out Haverhill Library & The Arts Centre

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, 9 a.m – 4.30 p.m

[Reach Haverhill: Get Support](#)

See our needs in real-time!



Charity BanktheFood have built an amazing FREE app that makes it quick and easy for you to find out what items are urgently needed at our foodbank. Download it at www.bankthefood.org

[#FoodbankFriday](#)

PARISH FINANCES

COLLECTIONS/WEEKLY OFFERING & DONATIONS:

Collections for the weekend of 18th/19th February 2023:

Standing orders:	£359.00
Collection:	£342.69
Total:	£701.69

£225 more for CAFOD Emergency Appeal for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Fund.

Thank you for your generosity to our parish community

Lost Property:

We have a few items of lost property in church. If you have lost anything recently items are on the bookcase in the narthex.

Thank you.

Mass Cards etc:

A selection of Mass cards, greeting cards (birthday etc) and occasional cards (baptism etc), and CTS booklets are available on the bookcase in the narthex.

Donations in the box provided please.

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/>

[Sunday readings – Year A, weekday readings Year 1]

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

Saturday 25th February *Eucharistic Adoration 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.*
Mass 6.30 p.m. *People of the Parish*

Sunday 26th February Mass 10.00 a.m. *Monica Behan Int.*

First Week of Lent

Wednesday 1st March: ***Feast of St. David, Patron of Wales***
Mass 10.00 a.m. *Stella Mesquita RIP*

Thursday 2nd March: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 3rd March: ***CaFOD Lent Family Fast Day***
Mass 10.00 a.m. *Brendan Dooley Int.*
12 noon Service for World Day of Prayer
St Mary's Church, Haverhill

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

Saturday 4th March: *Eucharistic Adoration 5.45 – 6.15 p.m.*
Mass 6.30 p.m. *People of the Parish*

Sunday 5th March: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Mariyamma RIP*

**If you need to speak with myself or Deacon Huw,
please call me 01440 702156 or
Deacon Huw on 07399 163718.**

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