



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday
7th September 2025**

Psalter – Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 13th September – Sherley Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto, Zina Pereira

Saturday 20th September - Jili Jijo, Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 7th September – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field

Sunday 14th September – Baiju and Sonia Varghese & Ian Blythe

A REFLECTION BY Fr. ADRIAN GRAFFY

on TODAY'S GOSPEL (Luke 14:25-33)

The start of today's gospel reading should remind us that Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. Luke tells us that many people were willing to follow him. His journey from Galilee to Jerusalem began in Luke chapter 9. It is a journey to face the cross and is filled with teaching for those who are willing to take up their crosses as disciples of Jesus.

Once again Jesus uses the stark language of the prophets. To hate one's closest relatives should not be interpreted literally, but in the sense of preferring nothing and nobody to following Jesus.

The second section of the gospel concerns prudence. Jesus tells two short parables, about the man building the tower, and another about a king going to war. Discipleship involves both the heart and the mind. We need to count the cost of discipleship. There is an apparent contradiction here for the passage ends with another radical statement of Jesus: 'None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.' Each person must calculate the cost and give what God inspires through heart and mind. God does not demand what is impossible for a person to give. Detachment is the key.

The first reading praises the gift of Wisdom, which comes from God. Jesus is this true Wisdom, who guides, inspires and challenges us on the road to the fullness of life.

Let us pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide our detachment to generosity.

Let us pray for courage in following Jesus to Jerusalem, to the cross and to new life.

✠ MICHAEL LEAMY RIP

Please remember Michael Leamy, who died recently, in your prayers and pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

We also keep Michael's family in our prayers at this time.

The Funeral Service for Michael Leamy will be celebrated in St Felix Church on

Friday 12th September 2025 at 1.00 p.m.

followed by a committal service at Haverhill Cemetery.

All are welcome to come along to pray for Michael and for and with his family.

EXPOSITION and ADORATION **OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



ON SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2025

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

Please note that there will be NO 10 a.m. weekday Mass on Tuesday 9th September as Fr John is in Diss at the Clergy Deanery Meeting for our Deanery of Bury St Edmunds.

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 PRAYER

Creator of all,

we praise you for the gift of life
and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.
We confess how estranged we have become -
from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.
We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses
have fractured our relationships with you,
with others, and with the Earth.
Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate,
oceans and rivers are polluted.
thriving communities have become places of suffering,
and the earth cries out.

Beloved Christ,

who spoke "Shalom" to frightened hearts,
stir us to compassionate action. Inspire us to work for the end of
conflict,
and for the full restoration of broken relationships—
with you, with the ecumenical community,
with the human family,
with all Creation.

Prince of Peace,

through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity
with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world.
Through your resurrection, make us people of hope—
with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares
and tears transformed into joy.
May we come together as one family,
to labour for your peace—
a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety,
and rest in quiet places.
Amen.

GARDENS of PEACE

To celebrate the Season of Creation parish households could create their own 'Garden of Peace'. This could be a small area, even a pot, in their own garden or a symbolic garden created inside in a box, on a tray or in a dish etc. (members of the J&P group will create examples to help with ideas) These gardens will provide a focus point for our personal prayer for 'Peace with Creation'. The act of creating them will actually be reflective and prayerful – what in your garden is 'good'? For what do you give praise to God? What does your garden need to live? What do you need to do to nurture it/care for it?

Take a few moments each day during the Season of Creation in/with your garden in prayer. Use your own words or none. If you want words we have The Season of Creation Prayer, the prayer from the Bishops' Conference (in last week's newsletter). The link below has Daily Reflections for the Season of Creation and a Novena to St. Francis. Copies of the Novena are available in the narthex if you would like to take one.

<https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/resource/season-of-creation/>



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 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 those who are ill.
- Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict. Remember especially the people suffering famine in Gaza.
- Pray for all victims of violence; physical and psychosocial.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by effects of climate change, especially due to the current flooding in Pakistan.
- Pray for people whose income is insufficient to meet their needs, Remember the work of 'REACH' and its volunteers in your prayers.
- 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 the welcome and support they need from those to whom they turn for 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 and all the people of our parish, particularly those in care and nursing homes

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:

**Lilian Davis, Terence Coll, Liam Nolan, John Walker, Albert Stockings,
Herbert Simmons, Elsie Redding, Pauline Rance.**

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.

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

‘Laudate Deum’ is an Apostolic Exhortation written 8 years after Pope Francis’ encyclical ‘Laudato Si’ which expressed his heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Laudate Deum is an urgent call to care for Creation before it is too late because our responses to the concerns expressed in Laudato Si have not been adequate.

“...we say that the world that surrounds us is not an object of exploitation, unbridled use and unlimited ambition. Nor can we claim that nature is a mere “setting” in which we develop our lives and our projects. For “we are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it”, and thus “we do not look at the world from without but from within”.

Laudate Deum 25

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Sunday 7th
September**

Team 4
RACHEL and IAN

**Sunday 14th
September**

Team 5
MALCOLM and MARIA

***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	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 6 th September	JO	LINDA	MURRY
Sunday 7 th September	ADEMIDE	DAVE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 13 September	ASWIN	ASIN	ANGELA
Sunday 14 September	MARITA	JENNA	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

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



Items needed this week:

1. Tea
2. Crackers
3. Chocolate
4. Tinned Tomatoes
5. Tinned Vegetables

September 2025



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 7th September	ANGELA WILSON	1. Christine W. 2. David B. 3.	18

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.

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.

Thank you. Angela Wilson.

HYMNS for SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER



673 – This Day God Gives Me.

600 – All that I Am.

**871 – Lord You Have Come to the
Seashore**

863 – Follow Me.

*Choir practices begin again on **Tuesday 9th 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.

**Sr. Orla is currently in the UK and will be staying in
Cambridge from September 16th for a few days.**

**We are very fortunate that she is able to come to Haverhill
during that time with Sr. Noelle and join us for Mass on
SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER AND SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER.**

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

*We will finish collecting for our 2025 Parish Project this weekend. Thanks
to your generosity, we exceeded our minimum target of **£1000** and have
currently raised in excess of **£1600**. The Loreto Rumbek School and
associated projects rely on sponsors and donations from people like us.
The more we can give, the more they can do.*

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 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

WELCOME TO FR. JOHN MORRILL

This weekend, Fr John is away in Durham for a retirement Mass for Fr John James who was Chaplain to Durham University when Fr John was at Seminary at Ushaw College, Durham.

We welcome Fr John Morrill who will be with us to celebrate our Sunday Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

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

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 30th/31st August 2025

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£668.02
Total:	£1089.02

£93.00 for our Parish Project – Loreto Rumbek School, South Sudan
Running Total - £1676.86

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, Parish Project, 100 Club, Flowers, Candles, Mass Offerings, Donations.**

Thank you

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS THIS SUNDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER

hosted by members of the parish Justice & Peace Group



Stay for a
coffee, tea or cold drink
and a snack
with old friends
and make some new ones.

Donations will be most welcome as part of our 'final push' to
maximise our Parish's support to
Loreto Rumbek School in South Sudan.

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Sunday 7th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Assumption Fernandes RIP*

TWENTY-THIRD WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 9th September: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 10th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass

Thursday 11th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass *P D Xavier RIP
(First Anniversary)*

Friday 12th September: 10.00 a.m. Mass

FEAST of the EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS [EDUCATION DAY]

Saturday 13th September: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Liam Mullen INT*

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

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***