



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX  
HAVERHILL**

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
of ADVENT**

*[Parish Mass book page 90]*

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

[Psalter Week 4]

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**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December , 2 p.m. – CHRISTMAS CLEAN – Volunteers please  
Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> December – Angela Rymills, Judith Dance, Jo Rowson, Nora Roberts.

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Jose Family & Ron Hefford  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December [9.30 p.m.] – Volunteers please  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Buendia Family & Ron White

Dear Friends,

Jesus shares our lot, our life-experience and our troubles. In our Christmas services we will concentrate on the simplicity and poverty of Our Lord's birth: how human he was, born of a young woman, not in luxurious comfort, but in the discomfort of a stable. That shows him as one of us, the human side of "Emmanuel." The gospel however does mention the divine origin of Jesus. Although he has a human mother, he does not have a human father: he was conceived in Mary by the power of God. This unique way of coming into life, with God as father, and the virgin Mary as mother, underlines who Jesus truly is: both God and man, one of ourselves and yet one with the eternal God.

If this seems mysterious to us, it must have been baffling for St Joseph. Joseph could only accept in faith what God's messenger told him, and Joseph did accept the part for which God had chosen him: guardian and foster-father to our Lord and Saviour. This kind of faithful acceptance is asked from each of us, when Christ comes into our lives, as "God-with-us."

Dcn Huw ☺

**A huge THANK YOU from  
Highpoint.**

At this time of year when many families gather it can be very difficult for those kept away from their loved ones in prison. The Christmas cards that you have donated allow them to send a personal message and bring a bit of cheer to separated families.

*Dcn Huw.*

**MANY THANKS**

to everyone who brought in their Red Box. Please collect your emptied box from the narthex to continue supporting the work of Missio throughout the world. Donations can also be made by visiting [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)



*Murry*

**PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE**

The children  
of Ukraine  
need peace,  
desperately,  
**now.**

unicef  for every child

“Our constant prayer is also for martyred Ukraine. May the Lord give Ukrainians consolation, strength amid this trial and give them hope for peace.”

“We pray that the Lord will convert the hearts of those who still encourage war and let the desire for peace prevail for martyred Ukraine, to avoid any escalation and open the way to a cease-fire and dialogue,”  
*Pope Francis.* [16 Nov. 2022]



This week will be the last children's liturgy session until Sunday 8th January 2023.

Children and their families are warmly invited to the children's Christmas Mass at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve. They can come dressed in Christmas Nativity costumes if wished.

***We wish you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.***

*The Children's Liturgy group.*

**This week's leaders and helpers:**

DATE	LEADER(S)	ADULT HELPERS	YOUNG HELPERS(12+)	CHILD Nos.
18th DECEMBER 2022	CHRISTINE WHITE	M. Mathew I. Zuffati		18

## **WELCOME TO BISHOP PETER COLLINS**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, in our Cathedral in Norwich, we welcomed our new Bishop as Canon Peter Collins was Ordained Bishop of our Diocese.

Many congratulations to Bishop Peter and we keep him very much in our prayers as he begins his ministry among us as our Bishop.

We also remember in our prayers Bishop Alan, and give thanks for his service as our Bishop for the past almost 10 years, and wish him every blessing for his well-deserved retirement.

## **THE SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2022**

### **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.

### **Advent House Masses:**

**There will be an Advent House Mass at the home of Carmen Serban. at 7 Old Rope Walk, Haverhill, CB9 9DF, 07768 344708 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to come along – please let Carmen know if you are coming.  
Thank you.**

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

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

### **Carols and Readings on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

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

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Feast of the Epiphany**

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

### **Sat. 7<sup>th</sup>/Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **ST FELIX CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you would like to make a donation for flowers at Christmas with a dedication for a loved one, living or deceased, then please place your donation in one of the envelopes in the blue cardboard box in the Narthex.

Please ensure that, on the envelope, you write, clearly, the names of those you wish to dedicate your contribution to.

If the persons are deceased then please add RIP after their names.

We will display the list of dedications on the sanctuary at Christmas and for the Christmas season.



*Thank you, Dave Arnold, Coordinator Flower Arranging Team.*

## ADVENT PROMISES

Following our promises to live more simply and take greater care of our common home during the Season of Creation here are some actions we can take to continue our promises into our Christmas preparations.

At this time of the year we use lots of paper and card.

- Use FSC certified materials as much as possible. Look out for this logo when shopping for paper, cards, calendars, crackers etc.



- Use recycled wrapping paper
- Reuse and/or recycle your wrapping paper – remove cello tape and scrunch it up [if it springs open again it is not recyclable]
- Use hemp string to tie your parcels
- After Christmas, remove embellishments from cards so that rest of the card can be successfully recycled.

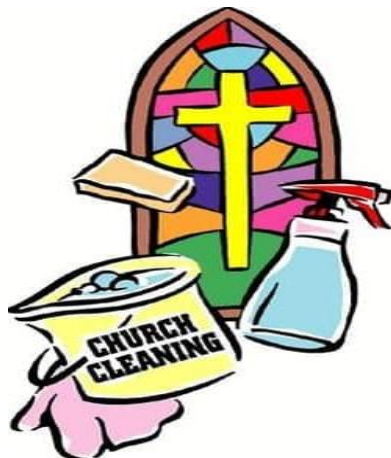
## CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN

This will take place on:

**Friday  
23<sup>rd</sup> December  
at 2.00 p.m.**

If you are able to come along to help you will be **most welcome.**

*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 all people who have requested prayers through our 'Intentions Book', especially for a **full recovery for Simon Field** who is ill.
- 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 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 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 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:**

Edward Fletcher, Mark Staples, Renata Nedzynski, Bridget Gore,  
Mira Thomas, Nicola Smith, Maciej Urbanowicz

### **During Advent and Christmas tide, we are asked to pray for:**

Migrants and Refugees and Expectant Mothers,

In December, **Pope Francis** asks us to pray with him for '*Volunteer not-for-profit organisations*'

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and will ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

## **WARM SPACES IN HAVERHILL**

There are places where you can go, free of charge, to sit and stay warm rather than having to heat your home during the day. It's a chance to socialise and some places have free activities too.

*[Please note, times/days may change from those shown, particularly over Christmas/New Year so contact the venue to check]*

### **River of Life Community Church,**

Chalkstone Community Centre, Millfields Way,  
Haverhill, CB9 0JB

***Opens Mondays 9am-3pm***

### **Haverhill Methodist Church,**

28 Camps Road, Haverhill, CB9 8HF

***Opens Wednesdays 9am-3pm***

### **St Mary's Church,**

High Street, Haverhill, CB9 8AD

***Opens Fridays 9am-3pm***

### **Haverhill Library,**

Camps Rd, Haverhill, CB9 8HB

***Opens Monday 9am-1pm, Tuesday 9am-7pm,***

***Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 9am-5pm,***

***Saturday 9am-4.30pm, Sunday 10am-4pm.***

Phone: 01440 848095

Free hot drinks to people who cannot afford a cafe or cannot afford to stay at home due to energy prices, or are homeless. In addition to this we have a kindness rack of warm free clean clothing in our foyer for those in need. We also have free menstrual products for people who need those.

### **The Coffee Bar,**

Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill, CB9 8AR

***Open: Mon-Fri 10.30am to 4.30pm,***

***Sat 10.30am to 2.30pm.***

Phone: 01440 714140.

Website: [www.haverhillartscentre.co.uk](http://www.haverhillartscentre.co.uk)



## 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](mailto:info@reachhaverhill.org.uk)**

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

**[Reach Haverhill: Get Support](#)**

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST

By donating to the food bank you can help support local people facing hunger, while we work towards a future where everyone has enough money for the essentials.

- Tinned meat / fish
- Tinned fruit
- Sponge / rice pudding
- Tinned potatoes
- UHT milk
- Tea / Coffee
- Long-life juice
- Sugar
- Cream crackers
- Mince pies
- Pasta sauce
- Selection packs

**Thank you!**

A cartoon illustration of a gingerbread man wearing a red Santa hat with a white pom-pom and a red and white striped scarf. He has colorful buttons (green, blue, red) on his chest and is holding a red and white striped candy cane.

The logo for Reach Community Projects, featuring the word "Reach" in blue, three stylized human figures (green, pink, purple), and the text "Community Projects" below.

**THANK YOU for  
putting the heart  
into Christmas!**

If you support Reach financially, with food donations and/or with your time as a volunteer, or if you're doing something else to raise funds in aid of REACH, a MASSIVE THANK YOU because it really is needed more than ever at the moment.



Dear friends,

It is a year since many of you embarked with me on a journey to contribute to the Synodal pathway survey organised by our diocese as part of Pope Francis' initiative for a worldwide "bottom up" Synodal process.

Following Parish group discussions, both face to face and on line, we contributed our answers to questions in the Survey. These contributed to inputs from other parishes to form a Diocesan response.

Angela Wilson and Deacon Huw are actively involved with this process as diocesan representatives for the Synodal Pathway.

Responses from dioceses throughout the world have been further distilled into a document of responses for discussion at the Continental level.

Unfortunately we have been given only a few days to review and comment on how these responses reflect the ones we gave at diocesan level. However the working document is available so you can read it. Go to <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/synodal-pathway/> and click on 'Working document' for the Continental Stage which you can download in various languages

This document will be discussed at Continental Synodal Assemblies to be held between January and March next year.

I shall keep you informed of progress.

*Dave.*

**HYMNS**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT**

**112 – *O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

**113 – *The Angel Gabriel***

**116 – *Long Ago Prophets Knew***



## PARISH FINANCES

### COLLECTIONS/WEEKLY OFFERING & DONATIONS:

#### Collections for the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> December 2022:

Standing orders:	£296.00
Collection:	£339.60
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£635.60</b>

**£129 for the Diocesan Dependent Priests Fund**

**Annual Christmas Collection:** the collection at all Christmas Masses will be for our parish clergy. With thanks.

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish community*

## PASTORAL VISITING

***If you are aware of someone who might benefit from a pastoral visit or someone who cannot get to church and might like to receive Holy Communion at home, please speak to Fr. John***

Thank you.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to  
[stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

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

### FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT [PEACE]

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Eucharistic Adoration: 5.30 - 6.00 p.m.  
Service of Carols & Readings: 6.00 p.m.  
Mass 6.30 p.m. *Joe Mesquita RIP*

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Mass 10.00 a.m. *People of the Parish*  
Filipino Mass 3.30 p.m.

### Fourth week of Advent

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Mass 10.00 a.m. *John Loughlin RIP*

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Tina Hanks RIP*  
Followed by 'Friday Break'  
Indian Mass 5.30 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December Children's Mass 5.00 p.m.  
***Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord***  
9.30 p.m. Carols  
10.00 p.m. 'Midnight Mass'  
*People of the Parish*

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December: ***Christmas Day***  
Mass 10.00 a.m. *Patrick Behan 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**