



PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

THE SECOND SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS

4th January 2026

Psalter - Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Saturday 10th January – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto

Saturday 17th January – Jili Jijo. Diony Jose, Bindhu Roy

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 4th January – Baiju & Sonia Varghese and Ian Blythe

Sunday 11th January – Buendia Family

Dear Friends,

As we continue to celebrate Christmas in the first days of this New Year we hear, and will I am sure, continue to hear many things said about the old year we have just left behind. As we make our way cautiously into the year ahead we hear Gods word reminding us today that God speaks to each one of us and is always with us, and has always been with us, even in those moments when we don't always hear Him speaking and feel that He isn't with us.

In our first reading God's wisdom speaks among God's people; our creative God speaking to us today as God has always spoken; forever loving us, forever giving us hope, forever bringing us joy, forever sharing with us in our anxieties, in our pain, and in our suffering and loss. God invites each one of us freely and constantly with love, to share life eternally. Paul reminds us that God chooses and calls each one of us and inspires us with the gifts of the Spirit to listen to the Word, so that we may have full knowledge of God. John in his Gospel opens us for us what it means to know God and takes us back to the beginning of our story which we constantly celebrate, and especially continue to tell during this Christmas season. For 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God'- life giving and full of love for each one of us, the light which overcomes the darkness and for ever shines brightly. The Word which became flesh and lived among us, Jesus with us, always and for ever. The one who calls us into the light, so we may be carried forward with love, renewed hope, grace and faith.

Wishing you every blessing and prayers for this Christmas Season and New Year.

Fr John

CHRISTMASTIME AT ST FELIX

SECOND SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th January

Masses - Saturday at 6.30 p.m. and Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

SOLEMNITY of THE EPIPHANY of THE LORD

Tuesday 6th January

Masses - 10.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.



HYMNS FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



127 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

151 - See Amid the Winter's Snow

135 - It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

153 - Ding Dong Merrily on High

CRIB APPEAL



This year, as a diocese, our crib appeal will be for the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem. His Beatitude, the Patriarch, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa has tirelessly worked with the whole peoples of the Middle East, petitioning for peace, compromise and goodwill in the region. He is a recognised figure in the negotiations and brings about a serenity and neutrality to the proceedings.

He has visited Gaza frequently, especially Fr Gabriel's parish of the Holy Family in Gaza and offered his prayers, encouragement and support. In sending money directly to his care, he will ensure that the charity is distributed to places where it is most needed - whether that be in Gaza or the West Bank.

There will be a collection basket near the crib and a button icon on the Dona machine.

Thank you.



Thank you again for your generosity and thank you to all who have helped in any way during our celebrations for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Thank you also for your generous Christmas Offering of £1450.45

Wishing you a very Happy New Year and every blessing and prayers for the coming year.

Fr. John and Deacon Huw

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 and those caring for them.
- Please continue to pray for lasting peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for people living in any form of poverty. Remember the work of REACH and everyone associated in any way.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by 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 for migrants and refugees that they will 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 their families and all who grieve.

Remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**John Goreham, Kathleen Hannon, Joseph O'Meara,
George Harris, Violet Leechmere, Joseph Bonett, Manuel Goisteles**

During Advent and Christmastime we are asked to pray for:

**Migrants and Refugees,
Expectant Mothers.**

Pope Leo asks us to join him in January in prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

*Pope Leo will formally close the Jubilee Year of Hope
on the Feast of the Epiphany in Rome
on Tuesday 6th January 2026.*

Let us remind ourselves of words from Pope Francis' prayer for the Jubilee:

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom...

...May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Pope Leo reflects on the Jubilee during the Angelus for the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God on 1st January 2026.

The Jubilee, which is about to end, has taught us how to cultivate hope for a new world. We do this by converting our hearts to God, so as to transform wrongs into forgiveness, pain into consolation, and resolutions of virtue into good works. In this way, God himself dwells in history and saves it from oblivion, giving the world our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. He is the Only Begotten Son who becomes our brother, illuminating the consciences of people of good will, so that we can build the future as a welcoming home for every man and woman who comes into the world.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to

stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk

by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the next newsletter

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

Sunday 4th January	Team 2 SUE and DAVE
Sunday 11th January	Team 4 RACHEL and IAN

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 3 rd January	KAREN	VIOLET	ANGELA
Sunday 4 th December	DAVE	SALLY	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 10 th January	LINDA	VIOLET	MURRY
Sunday 11 th January	ADEMIDE	SALLY	Sign-up sheet In narthex

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**TODAY -
SUNDAY 4th January**

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

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.

A photograph of two women smiling. One woman is in the foreground, wearing a red top, and the other is slightly behind her, wearing a dark top. They appear to be in an indoor setting, possibly a shop or office, with shelves in the background.

We are looking for a...

VOLUNTEER AND EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR

to join our team

For an information pack contact:

info@reachhaverhill.org.uk | 0800 009 6710

www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/vacancies



**Closing date for applications is:
Monday 19th January 2026 @ 9am**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON - BEGINNING AGAIN ON 11TH JANUARY			

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 please speak to Fr. John or Angela Wilson.

Thank you. Angela Wilson.

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

Many of us have a clear out at the start of a new year....

All that Baggage, II

'When I let go of all that, like letting a heavy sack drop from my drooping shoulders,
God has room to be God within me,
and I wonder what I thought I needed
with all that baggage in the first place.'

from: 'Meister Eckhart's **'Book of the Heart Meditations for the Restless Soul'**

OUR EPIPHANY GIFTS for REACH.

Collection of personal care items to donate to REACH.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR PERSONAL CARE DONATIONS
TO CHURCH THIS WEEKEND,
SATURDAY 3RD AND SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY
AND PLACE THEM IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES ON
THE ALTAR STEPS.**

They will be delivered to REACH for the Epiphany



Examples of items required:

Men's personal care eg. razor, shaving cream/gel, deodorant

Women's personal care eg. deodorant, moisturiser,
make-up remover

Bathing/showering eg. shower gel, body wash, soap, flannel

Dental/oral care eg tooth brush, tooth paste, mouthwash

Hair care eg shampoo, conditioner, hair brush, comb

Baby/infant care eg. body wash, shampoo, moisturiser

[NB: NO baby milk or food]

Thank you

PARISH FINANCES

CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR THE CLERGY - £1450.45

Collection for the weekend 27th/28th December 2025

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£309.73
Total:	£730.73

Forthcoming Special and Second Collections

PAX CHRISTI – PEACE SUNDAY 17th/18th JANUARY 2026

Peace Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 18th January.

The Bishops' Conference encourages us to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January.

Pope Leo's theme for his message is

'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'.

On Peace Sunday, we will be taking a collection to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools.

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

REFRESHMENTS
after 10 a.m. Mass
SUNDAY 4th JANUARY.

Enjoy a cuppa and a chat



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/UCCEHq3Ww93rfGfMGzXS25A2w/>

[Sunday readings – Year A, Weekday readings Year II]

SECOND SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS

Saturday 3 rd January 2026:	6.30 p.m. Mass	Joao (John) de Gouveia RIP
Sunday 4 th January:	10.00 a.m. Mass	People of the Parish

Second Week of Christmas

Tuesday 6 th January:	SOLEMNITY of THE EPIPHANY of THE LORD		
	10.00 a.m. Mass	Martin Robinson RIP	
	7.30 p.m. Mass	People of the Parish	
Wednesday 7 th January:	10.00 a.m. Mass	Joan Jackson RIP	
		Marie Gavric RIP	
Thursday 8 th January:	10.00 a.m. Mass	Joao (John) de Gouveia RIP	
Friday 9 th January:	10.00 a.m. Mass	Anne Brennan RIP	

FEAST of THE BAPTISM of THE LORD

Saturday 10 th January:	6.30 p.m. Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 11 th January:	10.00 a.m. Mass	John Shephard 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**