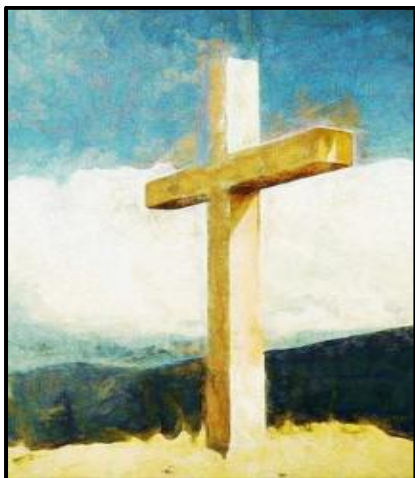




**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 30th August 2026

Psalter - Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 5th September – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw,
Ann O’Flanagan, Helen Burns, Malcolm M.**

**Saturday 12th September – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley,
Christine White, Angela Rymills, Nora Roberts, Jo Rowson,**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 30th August – Jose Family & Ron White

Sunday 6th September – Buendia Family

FR. ADRIAN GRAFFY REFLECTS ON THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL - Matthew 16:21-27

Last week we heard Peter's profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the words spoken by Christ to Peter: 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church.' The conversation between Jesus and Peter continues in today's gospel and takes a very different turn. The suffering and death of Jesus will cast a shadow over the rest of the gospel.

Peter is shocked to hear Jesus speak for the first time of his approaching suffering, death and resurrection, shocked that the Messiah should suffer such a fate. Amid the differing opinions about God's Messiah, there was no expectation of suffering and death. Jesus himself, however, understood that the Messiah was also to be a 'suffering servant'.

The lesson for Peter is a lesson for all. Whatever our position in the Church we must be open to the unexpected ways of God, ready to learn new things, not to prefer 'man's way' to God's. The Christian is not called to position and prosperity in this world, but to self-sacrifice in the service of others. This is a constant challenge, which will often lead us on narrow and difficult paths. We can only face this reality knowing that Jesus has trodden the path before us, and that this road leads to the fullness of life.

The first reading, from one of the 'confessions' of the prophet Jeremiah, reveals the prophet's struggle and enduring commitment to preaching the word.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to
stfelixhaverhill@rcdea.org.uk
by **12 noon on THURSDAY** for inclusion in the next newsletter

WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY of ST FELIX

CHRISTIANE, PATRICK and ROBERT

during our 10 a.m. Mass
on **SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2026.**

On Sunday 6th September, we will welcome into our Parish family of St Felix and to the wider church

**Christiane Ribeiro and Patrick Ribeiro
who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and the Eucharist;**

and **Robert Burridge**
**who will be received into full communion with the church
and will receive the
Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist.**



Please remember them all; Christiane, Patrick and Robert,
their Godparents and sponsor
and all their families in your prayers.

**Please come to celebrate with them on
Sunday 6th September
at our 10 a.m. Sunday Parish Mass.**

We will share refreshments to welcome them after Mass.



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The Season of Creation opens on September 1st, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on October 4th, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It is a time for Christians to come together in prayer and action for Creation.

This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation.

The symbol depicts water flowing from the Temple of God - at first a tiny stream that grows deeper, and deeper and as it does so, it brings life to dead areas 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 also become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

Make Living Water Flow

Every act of care for creation becomes part of a global stream of hope.

A Prayer to use on the World Day of Prayer for Creation

As the oceans rise.

O Lord, we pray for courage
as the oceans rise
and people suffer.
Let us care for one another,
and protect our precious home.

O Lord, we pray for strength
as the glaciers thaw
and our Earth is in pain.
Give us the spirit to do more.
We must all act together,
and protect our fragile home.

O Lord, we pray for hope
as the temperatures soar.
To the tears of your Creation
we will not close our eyes.
We will all work together
to preserve our common home.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.

Cathrine Wignall/CAFOD

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Children's Liturgy will start again after the new school year begins.			

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READER	2 nd READER	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 29 th August	ANGELA	LINDA	ANNE
Sunday 30 th August	ALICE	SUE	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 5 th September	JO	KAREN	MURRY
Sunday 6 th September	ASWIN	ASIN	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 30 th August	Team 1 CAROL and DAVE
Sunday 6 th September	Team 3 HELEN and RAYMOND
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

HYMNS - SUNDAY 30th August 2026



969 - Lord of all Hopefulness

979 - O the Word of My Lord

768 - Our God reigns

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, especially by the floods and mud slides in Nepal this week. 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:

**Amalia Trenter, Ronald Holmes, John Shurety,
Bridget Lovejoy.**

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 September in prayer for

The care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.



August 2026

**Items needed
this week:**

1. Custard
2. More Custard
3. Rice pudding
4. Tinned tomatoes
5. Long-life milk

Thank you to everyone that supports the foodbank through the donation of food, money or time!



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

Let Nature Be Your Teacher; Let Your Senses be your Guide

Your senses are sacred. When you are mindful of them they bring you deeper experiences than ever before. When you listen carefully, you can hear the silent music beneath the noisy distractions of the day; when you look with attentiveness, you notice the hidden loveliness of the most ordinary things; when you touch someone compassionately, you bless them and yourself with many graces. Let nature be your teacher. Simply by watching the sea, the sky, each morning's miracles, the play of darkness and light, you know you belong to something bigger. Let your senses teach you that nature is the first bible. In the turning of the seasons, in the waxing and waning of each day, nature's allure catches for you, reveals to you, and stirs within you the strains and traces of an Astonishing Love.

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From 'The Happiness's Habit' by Daniel O'Leary [p.81]

PARISH JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

Next meeting:

Thursday 3rd September at 7.30 p.m.

You are welcome to come along.

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**NEXT SUNDAY
6th SEPTEMBER 2026**

4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

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

Parish Project 2026:



The **Sunflower SEND Hub** is a local charity based in Queen Street, Haverhill. The Sunflower Hub offers support services tailored to meet the needs of local children and young people who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities [SEND]. 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. (Please 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 among other activities. Here's where we can be of help...



*...beginning next month we challenge ourselves to raise **£1500** towards the cost of an interactive screen for the Sunflower SEND Hub*

DONA CARD MACHINE PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that you are able to 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 FINANCES

*Please note that the details
of the parish collections for the last few weekends
will be published in September.*

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

AFTER MASS REFRESHMENTS



Sunday 6th September
after 10.00 a.m. Mass

*Meet and welcome
new members of our parish.*

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-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 29 th August:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>Thanksgiving INT</i>
Sunday 30 th August:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Twenty-second week of the Year

Tuesday 1 st September:	NO MASS TODAY	
	<i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i>	
Wednesday 2 nd September:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Anto Elanjikkal RIP</i>
Thursday 3 rd September:	10.00 a.m. Mass	
Friday 4 th September:	10.00 a.m. Mass	

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5 th September:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 6 th September:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Patrick Behan RIP</i>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

PLEASE NOTE:

there will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
or Confessions before the Saturday evening Mass
until Saturday 5th September. Thank you.

**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