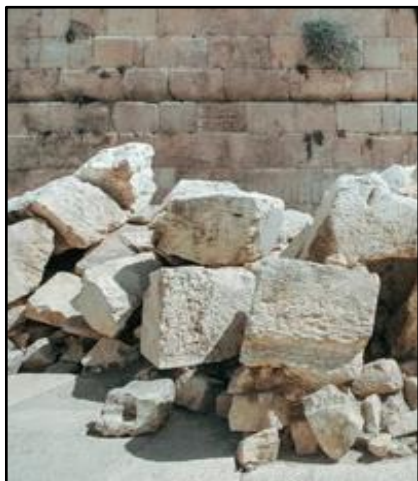




PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME World Day of the Poor

16th November 2025

Psalter – Week 1

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

Sat. 22nd November – Nnenna Ezugwu, Chinoso Mfon-Eddie,

Stella Ugama, Kelechi Onwodi, Nellie Malango

Sat. 29th November – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw, Ann O'Flanagan,

Helen Burns

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 16th November – Jose Family and Ron White

Sunday 23rd November – Buendia Family

Dear Friends,

In these last Sundays of our church year we are meant to look beyond our immediate worries, troubles, interests and concerns. The liturgy confronts us with the four last things death, judgment, heaven and hell. People who never look beyond the immediate here-and-now may be challenged by us talking about these things, but there is nothing morbid about it. We are exiles and wayfarers on this earth, we are drawing ever nearer to our ultimate home in heaven, a thought that need not fill us with sorrow, but with a longing to be with Christ in the life to come

It is useless speculating about when Christ will return in glory, although many in the early Church expected it to be within their own lifetime. Christ's message is to be ever watchful, to let the thought of what is to come be a reminder of the shortness of our present life. We need not be alarmed by the mention of earthquakes, stars falling from the heavens, and the like. This Jewish apocalyptic imagery was used to express hope for world-wide justice at the end of time. If we love God we need not be alarmed, for love casts out fear. Until the day when the Lord calls us, we must go on preparing to meet him.

Dcn Huw ☺

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**FIRST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH**

4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

EXCERPTS FROM POPE LEO XIV's MESSAGE for the 9th
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR (16.11.2025)

Theme: ***'You are my hope'*** [cf Psalm 71:5]

'Amid life's trials, our hope is inspired by the firm and reassuring certainty of God's love, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.'

The poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions; on the contrary, they are at their mercy and often victims of them. Their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere.

...Christian hope is certainty at every step of life's journey, since it does not depend on our human strength but upon the promise of God, who is always faithful... This hope point us toward the "new heaven" and the "new earth"... The city of God impels us to improve the cities of men and women. Our own cities must begin to resemble his.

The biblical summons to hope thus entails the duty to shoulder our responsibilities in history. Charity, in fact, "is the greatest social commandment" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 1889). Poverty has structural causes that must be addressed and eliminated.

The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity... Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope.

...our social responsibility is grounded in God's creative act, which gives everyone a share in the goods of the earth... Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity.

It is my hope that this Jubilee Year will encourage the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor. Labour, education, housing and health are the foundations of a security that will never be attained by the use of arms.

Visit Cafod's website for a link to Pope Leo's full message:

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/world-day-of-the-poor>

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE **FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN 2026**

If you are in **year 9 or above at school** you may wish to think about confirmation. You do not have to commit to being confirmed at this stage.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a sign that a person has reached maturity and is now able to take responsibility for their own faith. It also strengthens and deepens the connection to the Church that is established at baptism.

If you would like to take part in the preparation course please contact Deacon Huw for an application form.

**Completed applications to be received by
Dcn. Huw by 30th November 2025**
– the First Sunday of Advent.



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

All of these pleasant things that we like to acquire and to have to give us a sense of security and status, respectability, health, all these pleasant things fail eventually to convince us that they constitute our true self. They are not who we are. And therefore, at that moment, whatever it is we see is our next step – of course it would be different for different people in different circumstances – but as soon as we begin to see what our next step should be we begin to simplify our life. To simplify means to focus. It means to decide for something and not just to keep your options open.

(Finding Oneself 1 Laurence Freeman)

[From the WCCM (World Community for Christian Meditation) website.
➔Resources ➔Daily Wisdom ➔02 October 2025, We Begin to Simplify Our Lives.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2026



We run a preparation programme for children in Year 3 or above and their parents each year on Saturday afternoons in term time from **January until June**. We look forward to teaching and supporting the children and parents to develop their understanding of the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, and to celebrating with you.

Thank you to all our children and parents who have signed up for our preparation programme for next year, the group for 2026 is now full and we are sorry we didn't have room for more children. Forms for 2027 will be available later in 2026 – please keep an eye on the newsletter for information.

If anyone has any questions about the programme, please speak to our Parish Catechist, Mrs Angela Wilson or to Fr John.

Thank you and God Bless.

PRAYING FOR HOLY SOULS

Envelopes for intentions for Holy Souls during November are available in the narthex

A basket will be put on the font for you to place your envelope containing the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray, with any donation you wish to make.

All these intentions will be offered at Masses during the month of November,

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parish who are grieving and all those families who have lost loved ones in the past year.

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 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:

**Lilian Sloper, Daniel Hunt, Mary Tobin, Patrick Healey,
Elizabeth Whitehead, Ellen Fletcher, George France.**

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 November in praying for the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS Catalogue 2025
available now in the narthex.

Full range of gifts available online:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/all>



ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Sunday 16th
November**

Team 2
SUE and DAVE

**Sunday 23rd
November**

Team 3
HELEN and RAYMOND

***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 15 November	VIOLET	LINDA	ANNE
Sunday 16 November	MARITA	JENNA	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 22 November	ASWIN	ASIN	ANGELA
Sunday 23 November	RAYMOND	ALICE	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.



November 2025

Items needed this week:

1. Custard
2. Pasta Sauce
3. Tinned meat
4. Rice pudding
5. Tinned potatoes

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
16 th November	NNENNA EZUEWG	1. Christine White 2. 3.	12

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.

HYMNS for SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER



475 – Gather Us In

607 – Take My Hands

821 – The Kingdom of God

982 – O Jesus Christ Remember

Next choir practice – Tuesday 18th November, 7.00 p.m.

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



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 2026.

One person has already come forward to help – a couple more people would be great. Our PPC has begun to find some information for our Parish so if you are interested in helping with this please speak to Fr John or email him at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk .
Thank you

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 8th/9th October 2025

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £429.47

Total: **£850.47**

Second Collections Coming Up

13th/14th December – Diocesan Dependent Priests' Fund

A collection will be taken for this fund which supports our retired priests, those who are ill and those no longer active in ministry. Please keep them all in your prayers and give thanks for their years of ministry in our diocese.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be NO 10 a.m. Masses this week on Tuesday and Wednesday [18th/19th November] as Fr John is at Clare Priory for the monthly Ministry to Priests Group. There is also NO Mass on Friday 21st November as Fr John is in Cambridge.

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

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]

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – WORLD DAY of the POOR

Saturday 15th November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday 16th November: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Colin Lyons RIP*

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 18th November: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 19th November: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 20th November – ***Memorial of St Edmund, King and Martyr***
10.00 a.m. Mass *Bridgie O'Brien RIP*

Friday 21st November: NO MASS TODAY

JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE – YOUTH DAY

Saturday 22nd November: 6.30 p.m. Mass *George Lundy RIP*

Sunday 23rd November: 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