



**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 6th September 2026

Psalter - Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 12th September – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley,
Christine White, Angela Rymills, Nora Roberts, Jo Rowson,
Saturday 19th September – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu, Anu Anto**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 6th September – Buendia Family

Sunday 13th September – Pat & PJ Sheehy and Annette Field

WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY OF ST FELIX

CHRISTIANE, PATRICK and ROBERT

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

This weekend we 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 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.

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



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The Season of Creation is a time to come together in prayer and action for Creation as we contemplate the 2026 theme of 'Living Water'.

"Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love."

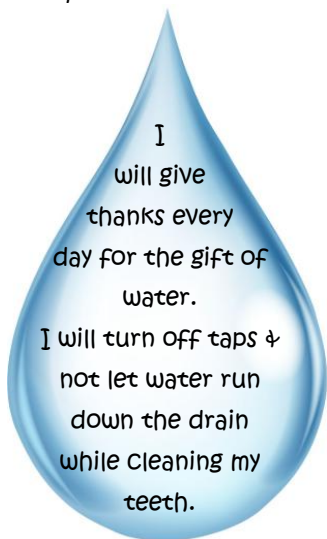
[from the 2026 Season of Creation Prayer]

The gift of living water 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 become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

To become part of God's river of life we must cherish, protect and conserve the precious, life-giving water we have been given. There are many actions we can take, to look after the water, so essential for our lives and the whole of Creation. Take the time during this Season of Creation to consider an action that you and/or your household can take to look after our water and use less, an action that can become part of your daily life contributing long-term to 'God's river of life'.

As you leave church this weekend, you will be given a paper waterdrop. Please use it to record your action, prayer or promise to conserve and heal our water. Bring your waterdrop back to church during this Season of Creation from next weekend and place it in the font. Together our waterdrops will form a part of God's river of life healing ourselves and Creation.

Example:



Some thoughts about actions to conserve water and nature

Use water in a bowl when ever you can instead of letting taps run.

Reuse water – after washing/cooking veg etc use water (cooled) to water plants indoors and in garden.

Take shorter showers.

Use 'eco' settings on washing machines etc if you have them.

Fix dripping taps and leaking toilets.

Only heat as much water as you need to use at the time.

Increase your capacity to collect rainwater.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Children's Liturgy of the Word will return on Sunday 13th September.			

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS			
DATE	1 st READER	2 nd READER	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 5 th September	JO	KAREN	MURRY
Sunday 6 th September	ASWIN	ASIN	Sign-up sheet in narthex
Saturday 12 th September	LINDA	JO	ANGELA
Sunday 13 th September	DAVE	RAYMOND	Sign-up sheet in narthex

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS	
Sunday 6th September	Team 3 HELEN and RAYMOND
Sunday 13th September	Team 2 SUE and DAVE
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

HYMNS - SUNDAY 6th September 2026



865 - Here I Am Lord

**971 - Father I Place Into
Your Hands**

**720 - Be Still for the Presence of
the Lord**

787 - Sing It in the Valleys

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 glacier collapse and resulting floods and mud slides in Nepal and the Tibetan border area.
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:

**James Beaton, Bridget Corbett, James Byrne, Lilian Davis, Terence Coll,
Liam Nolan, John Walker, Albert Stockings, Herbert Simmons,
Elsie Redding.**

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.

The logo consists of the words "TOP 5" in a stylized, bold, blue font. The "5" is particularly large and has a blue outline. There are green and yellow dots around the text, giving it a sunburst or star-like appearance.

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!

The logo for Haverhill Foodbank features a stylized blue swirl icon to the left of the text "Haverhill Foodbank" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below "Foodbank" is the tagline "Together with Trussell" in a smaller font.

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]

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**THIS WEEKEND -
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.

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.**

St Felix Parish Project 2026:



The **Sunflower SEND Hub** is a local charity based in Queen Street, Haverhill. It offers support services tailored to meet the needs of local children and young people who have SEND - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

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. (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 and other activities.



Here's where we can be of help...

...We challenge ourselves to raise £1500 towards the cost of an interactive screen for the Sunflower SEND Hub.

You can donate to this important local service straight away using the Dona Card Machine - 'Sunflower SEND Hub'



Open Morning

Saturday 19th September 2026



**St Benedict's
Catholic School**

*Developing Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience
through Prayer and Work*

Find out more about our wonderful school at our Open Morning for prospective Year 7 students.

10am to 12.30pm on 19th September 2026

For more information about applying for a Year 7 place for September 2027 please visit our website at: www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk



St Benedict's Catholic School

*Developing Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience
through Prayer and Work*

We know that choosing a secondary school for your child is a big decision. At St Benedict's we believe that our community is distinctive and unique and we have worked hard to ensure that our values are evident in all we do. We are incredibly proud of our school and the young people at St Benedict's. We hope that you will get a clear sense of the school and the distinctiveness of our community both from our materials and through visits to the school. Our school is a high-achieving one, with our curriculum underpinned by Gospel values and by our Catholic ethos in practice. Our vision as a school centres particularly on the Gospel values of Wisdom, Compassion and Resilience and our curriculum reflects these values and principles. As a school community we serve a large geographic area and welcome students and families who are supportive of our distinctive ethos from all backgrounds. As a result, our community serves many students who describe themselves as Catholic, those of other faiths, and those with no faith. We are an inclusive school where students of all abilities, talents and cultures are nurtured and supported to achieve their potential. St Benedict's students are polite, conscientious, reflective and supportive of one another. We have many opportunities for student leadership including charity work and service in the local community and our students engage with a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. Our values as a school encourage students to see competition as a mutual challenge where all contribute and we take pride in both personal and collective success. As a school we hold the Gold Award for religious studies and ensure that the spiritual, moral, cultural and social development of students is a priority.



We also hold the Gold Artsmark and are a Duke of Edinburgh Award accredited centre and encourage our students to develop their understanding of the world through many extra and super curricular activities.

We are very proud of both the 2025 Ofsted report (June 2025) and our Section 48 Inspection (July 2022) which highlighted that this is a school where young people are happy and flourish and where it is 'OK to be different'. (Ofsted report)

Students leave St Benedict's well-prepared for the life that awaits them beyond school through a well-rounded education that goes beyond the confines of the academic curriculum and examinations. We believe that every one of our students should go out into the world ready to make it a better place.

If you are interested in finding out more or visiting our school, please join us for our Open Morning or get in touch.

Imogen Senior

Mrs Imogen Senior Headteacher

THE TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL

Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool and Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops' Conference, has welcomed Prime Minister Andy Burnham's call for palliative care services to be properly funded. The Prime Minister has stated that palliative care and social care funding need to be "fixed" so that vulnerable people can have "peace of mind" about the care that they receive towards the end of their life.

Archbishop John Sherrington said: "It is highly significant that the Prime Minister has confirmed his position about the need for proper palliative and social care ahead of the Second Reading of the fundamentally flawed *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* in September. People who are dying are vulnerable and need compassionate care and spiritual accompaniment until their last breath".

Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide and use the postcard you were given last weekend or collect one today from the table in the narthex in church. Thank you.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on **Friday, 11 September 2026**.

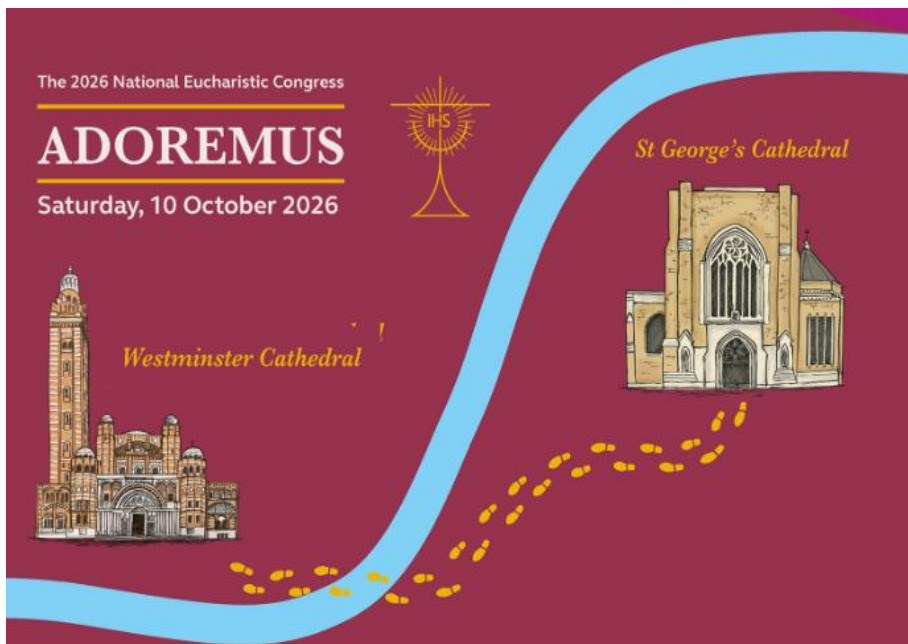
Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

"This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading".

You can support the Archbishop's call and contact your MP now as a matter of urgency. Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. The charity *Right to Life UK* has provided a simple online mechanism to do this find this and more information via this link. [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026



The diocese is delighted that fifty places are available for participation in the National Eucharistic Congress in London on the 10th of October.

The day begins at midday with Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, followed by a keynote address by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe. After a picnic lunch, the day will culminate with a historic Eucharistic Procession, through the streets of London, from Southwark to Westminster Cathedral where devotions will continue into the evening.

Those who would like to register interest in participating in this momentous celebration of our faith are asked simply to email the Diocesan Adoremus Representative Fr Peter Wygnanski peter.wygnanski@rcdea.org.uk to receive further information.

(Please note that Those taking part will need to arrange their own transport to and from the event.)

NEXT WEEKEND WE WELCOME FR. JOHN MORRILL who will be with us to celebrate our Sunday Masses, at 6.30 p.m on Saturday evening and at 10 a.m on Sunday morning as Fr John is away at a Wedding. I am sure you will make Fr John welcome.

Also please note that there will be no 10 a.m weekday Masses on Friday 11th September or on Tuesday 15th September.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL 19TH & 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Each year we are asked to host an Annual Mission Appeal. This year the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales will be holding an appeal in our Parish. On their behalf we will welcome Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuike from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ over the weekend of 19th & 20th September 2026. To support the poor and marginalized the sisters work in different countries of the world serving the homeless, destitute, vulnerable children and adults, refugees, widows and elderly people.

We look forward to welcoming Sr Mary Sebastian. Please remember her and all in her community and all Missionary Sisters in your prayers. There will be a collection for their work that weekend.

PARISH CENSUS 2026

At the end of September we will be asking you to complete, either an online form, or a form in church, so we can put together an up-to-date data base for our parish. Please be reassured all your data will be kept secure and will be held under our Diocesan GDPR rules and will only be used to enable Fr John and Deacon Huw to exercise their pastoral ministry and care for our parish. More information will be published soon.

TO CONTACT A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY...

If Fr John is away from the Parish, please contact either
Bury St Edmunds Parish on 01284 754358.
or Newmarket Parish on 01638 662492
or Clare Parish on 01787 277326
or call 07773 478835.

Thank you.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 15th/16th August 2026

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £425.29

Total: £846.29

Collection for the weekend 22nd/23rd August 2026

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £403.89

Total: £824.89

£190.00 for Mass Stipends

Collection for the weekend 29th/30th August 2026

Standing Orders: £421.00

Collection: £530.13

Total: £951.13

£186.75 for candles

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-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>

Twenty-third week of the Year

Tuesday 8 th September:	Feast of the Nativity of the BVM 10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Bridget Crowe RIP</i>
Wednesday 9 th September:	NO MASS TODAY	
Thursday 10 th September:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>Deirdre Barker RIP (nee Shanahan)</i>
Friday 11 th September:	NO MASS TODAY	

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – Education Day

Saturday 12 th September:	6.30 p.m. Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 13 th September:	10.00 a.m. Mass	<i>In thanksgiving (Sana – birthday)</i>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND CONFESSIONS

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
take place on Saturday evening 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