



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**PARISH OF ST. FELIX  
HAVERHILL**

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ADVENT**

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

[Psalter Week 1]

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**CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS:**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Sherly Jose, Molly Shibu & Anu Anto  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Jili Jijo, Stella Melvin, Diony Jose & Bindhu Roy

**SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS:**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Buendia Family & Ron White  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field

Dear Friends,

There are two messages that we will hear over the next four weeks of Advent, a time when we look back in order to look forwards.

From the media and the shops comes a loud message and set of values - each one trying to be the loudest in a cacophony. The other message and set of values comes from the gospels a calmer, more measured, message of preparation.

In the first message we are told that we will have to move faster, stay busy, queue longer in the shops, and spend more money on those 'must have' presents so that we will have the 'perfect' Christmas, as if such a thing exists. We are told, and sold, the idea that, unless we buy more and more and surround ourselves with all the trappings of Christmas, we won't be happy. This is most definitely 'fake news.'

The other message and set of values that is offered through the gospels, the prayers and the liturgy of Advent is a very different message. We are being asked to prepare a way for the Lord, to stay awake, to make a straight a path for the Lord and to get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is most definitely 'Good News!'

The message of Advent is an invitation and it also a challenge to us. We are called to be looking forward, to be ready, to be prepared and we are asked to wait in joyful hope.

Dcn Huw ☺

*(With thanks to Michael Moore OMI)*

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS for HIGHPOINT**

*Deacon Huw is making his usual request for Christmas cards which prisoners in Highpoint can send to family and friends.*

*The cards should have a religious theme and, for security reasons, must be in unopened/sealed packs.*

*There will be a box in the narthex to collect your donated packs of cards. Thank you.*





## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

If you have a child in Year 3 or above at school, and they wish to celebrate their First Holy Communion next year in our parish, please collect information and a form from church.

THE FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO  
FR JOHN THIS WEEKEND –  
SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2022.

## 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]

PARISH JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP MEETING>

THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022 – 7.30 P.M

ANYONE IS WELCOME TO COME

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT 2022



In Advent God invites us to share his goodness and love. All we must do is be alert and watch and not miss it. Unfortunately, sometimes our world is not watchful, or alert and we miss moments when God is present to us. Sometimes we miss the call of God, we miss God at work in the poverty and struggles of the people of the

world. As individuals or as a society, we wander away from God and God's values. The question is: "why?"

In these times and in the season of Advent we try to reflect and try to be watchful and alert so we can encounter God's love for each one of us. With so many pressures and values which are constantly around trying to prevent us being what God wants us to be, so we are invited to hope, to rejoice in the spirit and to love the gifts which we will receive again from the new-born Jesus at Christmas.

As Christians we are always called to be people of hope. We are called to open our eyes to the needs of others especially in this season of Advent, the season of hope, expectation, love and joy.

As we begin Advent this weekend we will bless and light our Advent wreath, reminding us of our journey ahead through the coming season and leading us to the light of the world, Jesus, born for us at Christmas.

### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2022 at St Felix and out & about**

#### **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.

#### **Choose your favourite Christmas Carols during Advent:**

There will be a sheet in the narthex for your suggestions for Christmas Carols to be sung on 17<sup>th</sup> December and over Christmas and the Christmas season. We may not be able to sing all of them but we will do our best to sing as many as possible. Thank you

### **Advent House Masses:**

are being offered for the Season this year. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. If you are able to offer your home to welcome people to celebrate with you on one of these dates, please speak to Fr John as soon as possible.

**There will be an Advent House Mass at the home of Monika Fellows on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m., 66 Lion Meadow, Steeple Bumpstead, CB9 7BY, 01440 730405. All are welcome to come along – please let Monika know if you are coming. Thank you.**

Other dates available for Advent House Masses are:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November,

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### **Churches Together Christmas Celebrations**

#### **Carol Singing – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

*We are invited to join our fellow Christians for some Carolling at the Christmas market on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. **The** carol singing will be at 4.50 – 5.10 p.m. Please meet in the upper part of the market square. Carol sheets will be provided.*

#### **Haverhill Outdoor Nativity Live – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022**

*We are invited to take part in, or come to watch, the Haverhill Nativity Live on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The Nativity walk starts at Haverhill Methodist Church at 12 noon and makes its way to St Mary's Church. If you are able to help with this event please email Rev. Wendy Norris – [revwendy@gmx.com](mailto:revwendy@gmx.com)*

### **Transform for Advent:**

For young people age 16 – 30 years. Grow in your faith as we approach Christmas! Clare Priory, 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December, The weekend includes live music, powerful talks, passionate prayer and interactive workshops, good food and free time! Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and Clare Priory.

Bookings close next week - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

See [www.transformfestival.uk](http://www.transformfestival.uk) for more information.

### **St Felix Christmas Crafts:**

Our sale of cards, decorations and small gifts will take place after Mass on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Proceeds to REACH HAVERHILL so please support us. Thank you.

**Ordination of Canon Peter Collins**

**as the 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop of East Anglia**

**on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am**

**in Our Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Norwich**

We do not have any tickets left for our Parish for the Ordination of our new Bishop. The Ordination will be live streamed on the Cathedral YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1L1vHKBeZgiaUf6hUxbT0A>

Please keep Canon Peter Collins, our Bishop Elect in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination as our new Bishop.

Please also remember Bishop Alan as he prepares for his well-deserved retirement.

**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> Janary 2023 - Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

Following our usual Sunday Mass at 10am 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.*

### **THANK YOU FROM CAFOD**

Your support over this past year has been life-changing and very much appreciated. Thank you for praying, campaigning, donating or volunteering to support people and communities in their struggles against poverty. An example is in South Sudan; communities who take in displaced people fleeing violence or natural disasters. The arrivals are given food and some are given land. They erect temporary structures as shelter and some start farming. Nyanguet, who fled with her five children after her village was attacked, says, *“The community hosts us well. My children and I feel safe now.”*

Thank you for helping to support people and communities like this throughout the world.

We hope you have a joyful Advent and that Christmas brings a renewed hope and fresh awareness of Christ’s presence in our lives.

**CaFOD**

**WORLD  
GIFTS**

*Please collect a catalogue from the narthex to select a gift that gives twice:*

- Christmas wishes for your family and friends,*
- practical help to a person/ community in poorer areas of the world.*



Children between the ages of 4 and 8 are warmly invited to join the Children's Liturgy session.

Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please ensure you register your child in the Narthex before Mass begins.

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

DATE	LEADER(S)	ADULT HELPERS	YOUNG HELPERS(12+)	CHILD Nos.
27th NOVEMBER 2022	ANGELA WILSON	M. Mathew C. White S. Arnold		24

**LAUDATO SI FILM & Why Live Simply**

The COP27 conference on our response to climate change has just ended. We await actions to be taken...

This seems a most appropriate time to increase our understanding of the situation and reflection and prayer on what we can/should do.

A member of our J&P group has shared the following with us:

**'WHY LIVE SIMPLY'** – an animated presentation produced by CaFOD for schools but a clear explanation for those of us of any age – <https://youtu.be/5ZDNgb7VBwQ>

**'THE LETTER: A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH'** – This is a new documentary film produced by the Laudato Si' Movement & distributed by *You Tube Originals*, showing the story of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* and effects of the climate crisis on different peoples and nature. Just search the title of the film and it will come up.



## 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 **Sheila Nyamakura** who is seriously ill, and **Katherine and Marisa** for whom we are asked to pray.
- Please remember in your prayers those 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:**

Elizabeth Whitehead, Ellen Fletcher, George France, Peggy Lovejoy,  
Brigid Williams, Stanley Sloper, Francis Boyle, Ellen Guinivan.

### **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.

## 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](#)**

## FOODBANK SHORTAGES

We've started to collect a few festive treats for our Christmas hampers so if you're able to help us with one or two items from our list this week, we would be so grateful





## **RED BOX HOLDERS**

Please bring your Red Box to church for emptying by the end of November so all monies can be banked in early December. The emptied boxes will be available for collection in the narthex

*Continued thanks for all donations through the Red Box or the Missio website.*

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## **PARISH FINANCES**

### **COLLECTIONS/WEEKLY OFFERING & DONATIONS:**

#### **Collections for the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November 2022:**

Standing orders:	£296.00
Collection:	£372.40
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£668.40</b>

**£139.71 for candles**

*Thank you for your generosity to our parish community*

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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]*

### **FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT** [HOPE]

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Eucharistic Adoration 5.45-6.15 p.m.  
Mass 6.30 p.m. *The People of the Parish*  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Jacqui M-Morris RIP*

### **First week of Advent**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - **Feast of St. Andrew (Apostle)**  
Mass 10.00 a.m. *Private Int.*  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December Mass 10.00 a.m. *Private Int.*  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Mass 10.00 a.m. *Private Int.*  
Followed by 'Friday Break'

### **SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT** [PEACE]

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Eucharistic Adoration 5.45-6.15 p.m.  
Mass 6.30 p.m. *The People of the Parish*  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Mass 10.00 a.m. *Vincent Dooley RIP*

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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**