



PARISH OF ST. FELIX, HAVERHILL

SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME *Peace Sunday*

18th January 2026

Psalter - Week 2

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 24th January – Sherin Cijo, Saji Abraham, Sheena Jestine,
Juvana Mariya Jestine, Josh Cijo.**
**Saturday 31st January – Nnenna Ezugwu, Chinoso Mion-Eddie,
Stella Ugama, Kelechi Onwodi, Nellie Malango**

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 18th January – Jose Family & Ron White

Sunday 25th January – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field.

Dear Friends,

This weekend we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel - this year's 'main' gospel - to read from John's Gospel. Last week's reading, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, was Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism. Now we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. This Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist, instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel. John the Baptist has been described as the parting voice of the Old Testament and it is to the Old Testament that we must look to begin to understand his description of Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The yearly remembrance of Passover, the last of the Plagues of Egypt, which initiated the journey of the Israelites out of Egypt, still involved in Jesus's day the slaughtering of lambs in the Temple. John the Baptist was the son of a priest, Zechariah, who would have participated in the daily Temple sacrifice. The blood of the Passover Lamb delivered the Israelites in Egypt from death in Egypt and when John describes Jesus as the Lamb of God he was directing his listeners to the definitive sacrifice that would deliver humanity from everlasting death. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament story.

We also are called to make Jesus known to all the world through our words and the witness of our lives - remember that we are all called to be saints - 'Preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary use words.'

Dcn. Huw ☺

† LARRY BEASLEY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Larry Beasley who died peacefully on Sunday 4th January.

**Larry's Funeral Mass will take place:
on Tuesday 27th January at 10.00 a.m.
in St Felix Church
followed by a short burial service at
St Peter and St Paul's Church, Kedington.**

All are welcome to come and pray for Larry and to pray with and for Jean and all the family.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

This Sunday at our 10 a.m. Mass we will celebrate a special Welcome Mass for our First Holy Communion Children and their families.

**This will be a Children's Mass.
Please come and celebrate with them,
and pray for them and their families.**



HYMNS FOR SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY 2026



883 - Christ Be Our Light

898 - Make Me a Channel of your Peace

722 - Give Me Joy in My Heart

878 - You Shall Go Out with Joy

NEW LED LIGHTING IN CHURCH

Over the next couple of months we will be having LED Lighting installed inside church. Our external lighting has already been updated to LED lights. *This will continue to help reduce our carbon footprint, as well as our electricity costs.* We are also looking into the possibility of Solar Panels being fitted to the church roof.

The church will be closed from Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st January for the first stage of new LED lights to be fitted. Further work on the main body of the church will take place in February.

NB. There will be NO weekday Masses on 20th & 21st January.

CRIB APPEAL



Thank you for your generous donations for the Crib Appeal. The total raised was a very generous **£495**. This will be sent, via the diocese, to 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 will ensure that the charity is distributed to places where it is most needed - whether that be in Gaza or the West Bank. *Thank you again.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PPC)

Our next PPC meeting takes place on
Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 7 p.m. in St Felix Church.

All are welcome to come to the meeting.
Any questions or matters for discussion can be placed in the box for the PPC on the table in the narthex in church.

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:

Donald O'Connor, Sarah-Ann McDaid, Margaret Shervitt,
Lawrence Manley, Margaret Edwards, Hanna Kasperek, Lena Hogan,
Veronica Fielden, Maria Harris, Karen Parkin.

During Winter up to Lent we are asked to pray for:

Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Openness to the Word of God, Racial Justice, Victims of Trafficking, People who are Sick and Those Who Care for Them and People Who are Unemployed.

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.



Once again Marie and I have decided to hold a fund raising Concert in aid of **REACH**. The last one was three years ago and was a great success raising over £2000. This year we are aiming higher and are helped by *Haverhill Arts Centre providing the venue and services completely free of charge.*

Title: **A CONCERT FOR REACH**

Date: **THURSDAY THE 30TH OF APRIL 2026**

Venue: **HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE,
High Street, Haverhill, CB9 8AR**

Time: **7.30 p.m.**

Tickets: **£15.00**

We have a top class professional bill providing the entertainment. Everyone involved is giving their services completely free with all proceeds going to REACH. Last time we had a lively contingent from St Felix. Please come again and we'll give you a mention!

Tickets are available through the Haverhill Arts Centre website:

<https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/performance/a-concert-for-reach/>

or by phoning: **01440 714140**

David Caulfield

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 18th January	Team 5 IAN and MARIA
Sunday 25th January	Team 6 ABRAHAM and ?
<i>Please swap with another counter if you are unable to count on your week given on the rota. Thank you</i>	

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

DATE	1 st READING	2 nd READING	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 17 th January	ASWIN	ASIN	ANNE
Sunday 18 th January	CHILDREN'S MASS		Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 24 th January	VIOLET	LINDA	ANGELA
Sunday 25 th January	ADEMIDE	ALICE	Sign-up sheet In narthex

EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT



**FIRST SUNDAY
of EACH MONTH**

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

Reach



Community Projects

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.

January 2026

Items needed
this week:

Tinned fruit



Pasta sauce



Tinned Vegetables



Tea



Noodles



Haverhill
Foodbank Reach

Together with Trussell

Community Projects

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 18 th January		NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS WEEK	

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

Praying with Ordinary Things

Episcopal priest Laurie Brock invites us to reflect on our relationship with the things we use every day and how our gratitude might help us discover the sacred significance they hold...

What are the ordinary things in your daily life that you often overlook? Sitting in a quiet place in your home, office or even outside, let your gaze wander, noticing a few items. Slowly allow your attention to rest on one. What task or chore does it help you to accomplish? How does it help you in your daily life? What challenges would appear without this item?

Turning your thoughts toward your faith, what parts of your faith are easy to overlook? Perhaps it's a prayer you've said over and over or a hymn you've heard so many times you don't pay attention to the words anymore. Maybe it's a routine like seeing the candles lit before worship. How might the object you're seeing now remind you of the value of the ordinary and routine in your faith? How does ordinariness help you experience God? How might you offer gratitude for this object?

From Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations [Centre for Action and Contemplation] – Saturday 29th November 2025.

Pilgrimage Opportunities for Young People in East Anglia



Lourdes
Summer
2026

World Youth Day
Seoul
Summer 2027



The Diocesan Youth Service is planning two pilgrimages:

This summer 2026 we'll be joining with the wider Diocese in Lourdes, and in Summer 2027 we're going to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea.

You need to be 16+ to come to Lourdes and 18+ to come to Seoul. Both pilgrimages offer amazing, experiences.

Come and find out more at our launch on Sunday 22nd February 2026 at Newmarket Parish Centre, 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket CB8 8LT.

The afternoon starts at 1.00p.m. and will end by 3:00 p.m.
(Please bring a packed lunch)

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 10th/11th January 2026

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£539.45
Total:	£960.45

£495 for the Crib Appeal

Forthcoming Special and Second Collections

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

Peace Sunday will be celebrated this weekend.

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

6.30 p.m. MASS - SATURDAY 24th JANUARY

Next Saturday evening we welcome one of the priests from Clare Priory who will be with us to celebrate the 6.30pm evening Mass as Fr John is away in Peterborough.

Please note there will be no Confessions before the evening Mass next Saturday.

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 in ORDINARY TIME – PEACE DAY

Saturday 17th January: 6.30 p.m. Mass *Joao (John) de Gouveia RIP*
Sunday 18th January: 10.00 a.m. Children's Mass
People of the Parish

Second Week of the Year

Tuesday 20th January: NO MASS TODAY
Wednesday 21st January: NO MASS TODAY
Thursday 22nd January: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Sandra –
Birthday Thanksgiving*
Friday 23rd January: 10.00 a.m. Mass

THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD.

Saturday 24th January: 6.30 p.m. Mass *People of the Parish*
Sunday 25th January: 10.00 a.m. Mass *Francine Wilson 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**