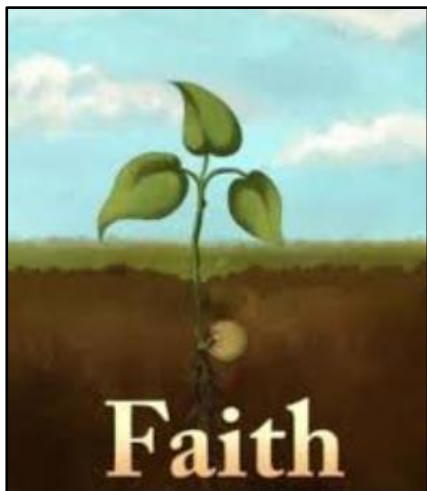




**PARISH OF ST. FELIX,
HAVERHILL**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time**

5th October 2025

Psalter – Week 3

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CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS

**Saturday 11th October – Alan Kent, Michael Bradshaw, Ann O’Flanagan,
Helen Burns.**

Saturday 18th October – Sheila Dooley, Mary Dooley, Christine White

SUNDAY WELCOMERS/STEWARDS

Sunday 5th October – Pat and PJ Sheehy & Annette Field.

Sunday 12th October – Baiju and Sonia Varghese & Ian Blythe



This week marks the end of our celebration of the 2025 Season of Creation, the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection, the privilege of having the Jubilee Icon here, the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical '*Laudato Si'*', This year also marks the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' '*The Canticle of Brother Sun*'. The following words from Pope Leo could help our reflections on all these events and today's gospel on Faith.

**Excerpts from Pope Leo XIV's address at
'The Raising Hope Conference'
on Wednesday 1st October 2025.**

As with every anniversary of this nature [ie of *Laudato Si*], we remember the past with gratitude, but we also ask ourselves what remains to be done. Over the years, we have transitioned from understanding and studying the Encyclical to putting it into practice. What must be done now to ensure that caring for our common home and listening to the cry of the earth and the poor do not appear as mere passing trends or, worse still, that they be seen and felt as divisive issues? The Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, published two years ago, noted that "some have chosen to deride" (no. 6) the increasingly evident signs of climate change, and even to blame the poor for the very thing that affects them the most (cf. no. 9).

We must shift from collecting data to caring; and from environmental discourse to an ecological conversion that transforms both personal and communal lifestyles. For believers, this

conversion is in fact no different to the one that orients us towards the living God. We cannot love God, whom we cannot see, while despising his creatures. Nor can we call ourselves disciples of Jesus Christ without participating in his outlook on creation and his care for all that is fragile and wounded.

Dear friends, let your faith inspire you to be bearers of the hope that comes from recognizing the presence of God already at work in history. Let us recall how Pope Francis described Saint Francis of Assisi: He "lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace" (*Laudato Si'*, 10). May each of us grow in these four relationships — with God, with others, with nature and with ourselves — through a constant attitude of conversion. We inhabit the same planet, and we must care for it together. I therefore renew my strong appeal for unity around integral ecology and for peace!

It is my hope that the upcoming summits of the United Nations — the 2025 Climate Change Conference (COP 30), the 53rd Plenary Session of the Committee on World Food Security, and the 2026 Water Conference — will listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor, families, indigenous peoples, involuntary migrants and believers throughout the world. At the same time, I encourage everyone, especially young people, parents and those who work in local and national administrations and institutions, to play their part in finding solutions for today's "cultural, spiritual and educational challenges" (*Laudato Si'*, 202), always striving tenaciously for the common good. There is no room for indifference or resignation.

I would like to conclude with a question that concerns each of us. God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world that he created (cf. *Gen* 2:15), for the benefit of all and for future generations, and if we have taken care of our brothers and sisters (cf. *Gen* 4:9; *Jn* 13:34). What will be our answer?

CAFOD's HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL - 2025



This Family Fast Day, your donation means more people like Waré can gain access to safe drinking water without having to walk for miles and hours and carry heavy water containers back home. Waré wanted to build a water supply system in her village so with her neighbours, and supported by CAFOD and local water engineers they built a rain water collection, storage and filtration system so that they (around 300 families) have water for themselves and their livestock in the long months of drought. There are still women like Waré who daily face a huge challenge to find water for their families, livestock and crops and we can help with our prayers and our Fast Day donations.

During this Jubilee year, we're invited to reflect on the call to renewal, justice and care for our neighbours. This season is a time to give thanks and to share with those overcoming poverty and injustice. By choosing to gift a donation, you can stand alongside farmers like Waré as they build a better future for their children.

- £27 can buy a sack of cement for lining a water tank
- £60 can provide fencing to keep out animals
- £100 can fund tools and materials for local water engineers to build tanks

You can place your Fast Day donation in the CAFOD Fast Day envelope you collected last weekend and put it in the basket on the front or donate via the CAFOD button on our Dona Card Machine. Thank you

THE JUBILEE ICON

To celebrate and commemorate the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, CAFOD commissioned an icon from Mulugeta Araya, an artist and an engineer who studied at St Mary's College, Wukro, Ethiopia, which is supported by CAFOD.

The Icon was blessed by Cardinal Nichols during the Adoremus congress in September 2024 and is touring the Dioceses of England and Wales during 2025.

It will be at the Diocesan Jubilee of Migrants at St Luke's church in Peterborough at 12 noon on 4 October.

Then the Icon will be here at the 6.30 p.m. Mass at St Felix on 4 October and at the 10 a.m. Mass on 5 October.

A Jubilee Icon Reflection sheet will be available at Masses this weekend



To find out more see this video
<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-icon>

PRISONS WEEK

Next Sunday marks the beginning of Prisons Week 2025.
Sunday 12 October - Saturday 18 October.

Prisons Week aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prisons staff and all those who care.

The theme this year is ***'Jesus looked at him and loved him' (Mark 10:21), and he looks at you and loves you too.***

The Prisons Week prayer:

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison.

Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.

Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another,

to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day.

Amen.

A prayer for each day of the week can be found on:-

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prisons-week-prayers/>

Please pray particularly for HMP Highpoint – the prisoners, their families, all who are associated in anyway with the prison and especially those whose association is painful.

PARISH JUSTICE and PEACE GROUP

Our next meeting is in church on
Thursday 9th October at 7.30 p.m.
All welcome.



DO IT FAIR



THIS FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

22ND SEP - 5TH OCT



Buy fairtrade today

In our world, fairness isn't a given. But the power to get there is in our hands. Together, our actions can have a positive impact on real people's lives. Fairer pay. Fairer treatment. Fairer futures. That's Fairtrade. It's not just a label – it's a movement. So, whatever you do, and however you do it: **Do it Fair.**

*Look out for the Fairtrade symbol when you shop,
and buy Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance goods
as often as you can.*



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.

If you are interested in helping with this please speak to Fr John or email him at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk We can also be part of the Diocesan working group to feed in ideas and suggestions for other parishes and for the Diocese to use.

Thank you

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.
- Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and everywhere in the world affected by war and conflict.
- Pray for all affected by the attack on the Manchester Synagogue especially those who died, are injured, those grieving and those who are afraid. Pray that, as Rabbi Daniel Walker requested we will all be 'better, holier, kinder'.
- Pray for all people and lands devastated by effects of climate change.
- Pray that everyone will do what they can to care for 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 .
- 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:

Eileen Borley, Kathleen Williams, Maria Barrett, Theresa Carter, Noel Lee, Christopher Tobin, Jennefer Gauld, Ethel O'Connell, Celine Wright, Edward Jones, John Bidwell, Charlotte Kirkby.

During Autumn we are asked to pray for:

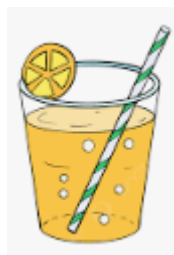
The Harvest, The Care of Creation, Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and Their Families, All Victims of War and Young People.

Pope Leo asks us to join him in October in praying for:

collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

TEA, COFFEE, or COLD DRINK
after 10.00 a.m Mass this weekend
SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER



Hosted by members of our African community

ST FELIX WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Sunday 5th
October**

Team 2
SUE and DAVE

**Sunday 12th
October**

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	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 04 October	DEBBIE	LINDA	MURRY
Sunday 05 October	DAVE	SUE	Sign – up sheet in narthex
Saturday 11 October	LINDA	VIOLET	ANNE
Sunday 12 October	No readers – CHILDREN'S MASS		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.



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.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you feel they are ready to participate in the programme, you should complete a registration form, which will be available in person from 1st November from Fr John at church. The completed form should be returned to Fr. John by 30th November. Unfortunately, due to limited space and for safety reasons, we have to restrict the number of children we may accept on the programme to twenty. We will only accept official completed forms returned by the deadline, not photocopies.

The St Felix programme is a partnership between the catechists and parents/guardians, and your support at home is vital to your child's learning and engagement.

If anyone has any questions about the programme, please speak to me, Fr John or Deacon Huw.

Mrs Angela Wilson (Parish Catechist)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



DATE	LEADER	ADULT HELPERS	CHILD Nos.
Sunday 5th October	MARY MATHEW	1. Christine White 2. Nellie Malango 3.	18
Sunday 12th October	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10.00 a.m. CHILDREN's MASS		

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 5th OCTOBER



476 – You Have Called Us By Our Name

731 – For the Fruits of All Creation

869 – Lord of Creation

785 – Though the Mountains May Fall

*Next choir practice on **Tuesday 7th October at 7.00 p.m.***

**EXPOSITION and ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER
4.30 – 6.30 p.m.

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Welcome to St. Felix Parish

If you have just moved into the area or have found us for the first time you are most welcome.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church,

and would like to find out more please speak to the parish priest,

Fr John. Please do not hesitate to call him on 01440 702156 or email him at john.warrington@rcdea.org.uk

You can also find out more about our parish at www.stfelixchurch.org.uk

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S MASS

**On Sunday 12th October at our 10 a.m. Mass
we will celebrate especially with children and
families.**

As always, everyone is welcome.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr John is on pilgrimage to Lourdes, with Across, so will be away from the parish from Thursday 2nd October to Saturday 11th October.

Please keep everyone on this pilgrimage in your prayers.

I will remember you all in my prayers at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, at the Grotto and will light a candle for everyone in our parish family. With thanks and every blessing and prayers. *Fr John.*

There will be NO weekday Masses this week

**We welcome Fr John Morrill again this weekend
who will celebrate Mass for us
on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October.**

Thank you very much Fr. John

PARISH FINANCES

Collection for the weekend 27th/28th September 2025

Standing Orders:	£421.00
Collection:	£484.48
Total:	£905.48

Second Collections Coming Up

4th/5th October – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection

Collection to support the work of CAFOD

18th/19th October – World Mission Sunday.

A collection will be taken to support the work of Missio

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 who are 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

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]

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 4th October: 6.30 p.m. Mass *All students & staff of Loreto Rumbek School*

Sunday 5th October: 10.00 a.m. Mass *People of the Parish*
4.30 – 6.30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK of the YEAR:

Tuesday 7th October: NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 8th October: NO MASS TODAY

Thursday 9th October: NO MASS TODAY

Friday 10th October: NO MASS TODAY

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [Prisons Week]

Saturday 11th October: 6.30 p.m. Mass

Sunday 12th October: 10.00 a.m. Mass – **CHILDREN'S 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