

The Wilford Benefice - Rendlesham Cluster
The Parishes of Rendlesham ~ Eyke ~ Bromeswell ~ Wantisden ~ Tunstall

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NEXT SUNDAY - 7th December
The Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am	All Saints, Eyke	Holy Communion
11am	St Edmunds, Bromeswell	Christingle
11am	St. Felix, Rendlesham	Holy Communion

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday:

10:15am-11.30am - Cafe & Top-Up Shop at St. Felix
 5-7pm - Open Church at St. Felix

Wednesday:

Church in Use All Day
 2pm - Ladies Group in back room @ St. Felix

Thursday:

7.15-8.45pm St. Felix Church Choir - All Welcome!

Friday:

6pm - First Fridays at St. Felix

FOR PRAYER

- We pray for those who find the lead up to Christmas an anxious time for whatever reason.
- We pray for those who are unwell or awaiting results. We pray they may find comfort and strength knowing they are held in light and peace.
- We pray for Christians who are persecuted across the world, and especially in Africa at this time.

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- Please send items for the pew sheet to Rev Greg.

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

First Fridays

All are welcome on Friday 5th December for our next 'First Fridays' group at St. Felix where we come together for a bring and share meal before exploring a theme which will be 'Advent' this time round. This is a very informal group based on discussion and questioning and ending in Compline. Please do come along, and bring any friends with you. It is an ideal opportunity for anyone looking to explore the Christian faith. 5.45 for 6 at St. Felix Church

Looking Ahead:

- Thursday 11th December - 7pm - Brass Band Carol Concert by The Raedwald Ensemble @ St. Felix

Donations of Mince Pies would be very appreciated for this event. Thank you!

St. Felix Choir

Enjoy singing? The St. Felix choir will soon begin rehearsing for Christmas. All are welcome to join the choir who meet each Thursday at St. Felix at 7.15pm. No experience needed, and you even get a hot drink and a biscuit!

Christmas Service Programme

Our programme of Christmas services will be coming out very soon... keep a look out for it!

Supporting 'The Leprosy Mission'

Over Advent we would like to work towards raising funds to support the work of The Leprosy Mission to enable us to donate enough money to train a nurse specialised in Leprosy treatment- this costs £185. Please support if you are able as we journey through Advent together.

Lynn will also be selling Christmas cards in aid of The Leprosy Mission **today** and each Sunday over the coming weeks.

Alone at Christmas?

Rendlesham Care Centre will be opening their doors on Christmas Day for anyone who might be alone this Christmas and would like to join them for lunch and company. If this is something you are interested in, or know someone who this might be useful for, then please let Rev Greg know so he can inform the RCC in advance for catering purposes.

Readings for 30th November ~ 1st Sunday of Advent ~ Purple

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Isaiah 2: 1-5

A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. 'For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to Go

Psalms 122

1 I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

2 And now our feet are standing within your gates O Jerusalem

3 Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.

4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

5 For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.

7 'Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.'

8 For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.

9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever
Amen

Romans 13: 11-14

A reading from Romans Chapter 13 beginning at verse 11

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of Lord
Thanks be to God

Matthew 24: 36-44

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen