

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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 8th February
2nd Sunday before Lent

11am	St. Felix Rendlesham	Holy Communion
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

1.30pm - Funeral at St Edmunds Bromeswell
 2pm - Ladies Group in back room @ St. Felix

Thursday:

10am - Midweek Holy Communion @ St. Felix
 7.15pm - Choir @ St. Felix Church

Friday:

10.45pm - A class from Eyke school visiting All Saints Eyke
 5.45pm - First Fridays @ St. Felix

FOR PRAYER

- Gracious God, we pray for a world where all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, are treated with dignity, equality, and love (LGBTQ+ History Month).
- Creator of all people, in your image we are uniquely made: help us to celebrate our differences, actively challenge racism, and work together for a world of justice and equality (Race Equality Week).
- We pray for those in our parishes who are unwell, in pain or suffering in mind, body and spirit. May the God of love draw near to all those who need his closeness at this time.

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

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Mid-Week Worship

As of February we will be restarting mid-week worship at St. Felix in Rendlesham. For now, this will take the form of a said Holy Communion service on the first and third Thursday of the month at **10am**. The first service will take place on **Thursday 5th February**. All are welcome from the Rendlesham cluster...and beyond!

Firs  Fridays

All are welcome on **Friday 6th February** for our next 'First Fridays' group at St. Felix where we come together for a bring and share meal before exploring one of the themes suggested at one of last year's sessions. 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 a 6pm start at St. Felix Church.**

Pancakes & Party Hats @ St. Felix for Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 17th February. 3pm-4.30pm.

Games, Crafts and of course, Pancakes! All Welcome! We'd also appreciate a few offers of help to support serving refreshments etc please. Speak to Rev Greg or Charlotte for more information.

Looking Ahead - Save the Date!

80's, 90's and 00's Disco

St. Felix Church on Friday **24th April starting at 7pm**. More details to follow!

Bentwaters Airbase Talk

On Saturday 9th May Simon, from the Bentwaters Cold War Museum, will be hosting a talk at St Felix Church starting at 3pm. The talk will cover areas such as the origins of the base, the early days of the RAF and USAF, some of the social aspects and impact on the locals and how the base and village changed to what it is now. More details to follow!



Readings for 1st February ~ 4th Sunday of Epiphany ~ Candlemas ~ Gold or White

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Malachi 3:1-5

A reading from the book of Malachi chapter 3 beginning at verse 1

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 24: [1-6] 7 -10

[1] The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
2 For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?'
4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;
5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
6 Such is the company of those who

seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.]

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 'Who is the King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

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

Hebrews 2:14- 18

A reading from the book of Hebrews chapter 2 beginning at verse 14

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 2:22-40

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you O Lord

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout,

looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was

customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed.

³⁵ So that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**