

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY - 18th January**  
**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St. Edmunds Bromeswell</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St. Gregory's Rendlesham</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>St. Felix Rendlesham</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Praise</b>

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Tuesday:**

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

**Wednesday:**

**2pm - Ladies Group in back room @ St. Felix**

**Thursday:**

**10am-12 Noon - Bromeswell Coffee Morning @ Kaz's House - 'Brome' on the corner of School Lane and Orford Road**

**7.15pm - Choir @ St. Felix Church**

**FOR PRAYER**

- Lord, open our eyes to the injustice of human trafficking and grant us the courage to act for the freedom and healing of all victims (*Human Trafficking Awareness Day - 11th Jan*)
- Almighty God, may we, from all faiths and none, find unity in our shared humanity, fostering understanding, compassion, and peace for our one world, recognizing the divine light within each other and all creation (*World Religion Day - 18th Jan*).

**Contacts -**

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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<sup>+</sup> 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.

**Love Singing?**

The choir, who gather at St. Felix every Thursday evening, would love to welcome some new voices to build on and extend their current repertoire. All are welcome, with no previous music experience required. The only essentials are enthusiasm and a love for singing!

**Baptism and Confirmation**

As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus this Sunday, we extend a warm invitation for you to take the next steps in your own faith journey.

If you are considering baptism or confirmation, please do speak to Rev. Greg after today's service or send an email to [revgreg24@gmail.com](mailto:revgreg24@gmail.com).

Whether you are seeking baptism for yourself or your child, or wish to explore adult confirmation, we are here to support you.

## **Readings for 11<sup>th</sup> January ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany ~ Baptism of Christ ~ Gold or White**

### **Collect**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Isaiah 42:1-9**

*A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 42 beginning at verse 1*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols, <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

### **Psalm 29**

**1** Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
**2** Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the

beauty of holiness.

**3** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
**4** The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.  
**5** The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
**6** He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.  
**7** The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh  
**8** The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'  
**9** The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
**10** The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

***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***

### **Acts 10:34-43**

*A reading from the book of Acts chapter 10 beginning at verse 34*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,'<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced;<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,<sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us

who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

*This is the word of Lord  
Thanks be to God*

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.<sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented.

<sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.<sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

### **Post Communion**

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**