

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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 25th January
Third Sunday of Epiphany

11am	St. Felix Rendlesham	Holy Communion
3pm	St Michael & All Angels Tunstall	Christingle Service
3pm	Eyke Primary School Hall	Christingle Café Church

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:

7.15pm - Choir @ St. Felix Church

Friday:

10am - Funeral at St Edmunds Bromeswell
 11.45am - Memorial Service at St Edmunds Bromeswell

FOR PRAYER

- Gracious God, we thank you for Bishop Joanne. Bless her with wisdom, strength, and joy as she leads us in faith and service. Amen.
- God of wisdom, we give thanks for the gift of learning. Bless students, teachers, and all who open doors of education for every child (*International Day of Education - January 24th*)

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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!



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 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!

Bishops Enthronement Service

On Saturday 24th January, our new Bishop, Revd Dr Joanne Grenfell, will have her official Welcome and Enthronement service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds taking place at 2:00 PM. Although the service is a ticketed service, the service will be available to watch live on the cathedrals youtube channel - [St Edmundsbury Cathedral - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/c/StEdmundsburyCathedral)

Save the Date

80's, 90's and 00's Disco at St. Felix Church on Friday 24th April starting at 7pm. More details to follow!

Readings for 18th January ~ 2nd Sunday of Epiphany ~ White

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 49:1-7

A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 49 beginning at verse 1

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.² He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 40:1-12

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
2 He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.
3 He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs for us! There is none that can be compared with you.

6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them they would be more than I am able to express.

7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but my ears you have opened;

8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; then said I: 'Lo, I come.

9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God; I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'
10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation.

12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,

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

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter 1 beginning at verse 1

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind –⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you –⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful; by him you were

called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of Lord
Thanks be to God

John 1:29-42

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

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.'³² And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.'³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹ He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**