

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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 8th March
3rd Sunday of Lent

11am	St. Felix Rendlesham	Holy Communion
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday:

10am - Eyke PCC Meeting

Tuesday:

10:15am-11.30am - Cafe & Top-Up Shop at St. Felix
 2.30pm - Service at Rendlesham Care Centre
 5-7pm - Open Church at St. Felix (with short Lent talk at 6.45pm)

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

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

FOR PRAYER

- Creator, protect the creatures of the wild, heal their habitats, and guide us to treat all living beings with love and respect (World Wildlife Day - 3rd March)
- May God spread His wings of protection over Nigeria, restoring peace, security, and joy to every corner of the nation (*World Day of Prayer - 6th March*)
- We pray and give thanks for all who give generously through their time, talents or charitable giving to support the work and mission of each of our churches in the Rendlesham Cluster

Contacts -

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

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Next Midweek Communion Service:
Thursday 5th March - 10am - St. Felix

Lent Course 2026

Please do continue to follow the wonderful Lent videos DJ has worked hard on putting together. They are available on the St. Felix Church Youtube channel, and there is also a link on the church website.

If you'd like to join DJ for one of the conversations, please get in touch and let him know. This is a really good resource over Lent to help us be self-reflective as we journey towards Easter, so please take advantage of them.

Holy Week and Easter

The Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule is now out. Please pick up a copy of the small postcards available and do pass them on to anyone else who you know that might like to join us for a service during Holy Week and Easter.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is taking place on **Friday 6th March**. There will be a service at **St. Felix Church at 5pm** on this date. All are most welcome to come along and join. The theme this year is '*I will give you rest, come*'.

Firs† Fridays

Please note there will be **no** First Friday Suppers this coming Friday due to the World Day of Prayer service. We will meet on **Friday 13th March** instead, at the usual time.

Looking Ahead - Save the Date!

Saturday 18th April - Indoor Table Top Sale in Bromeswell Village Hall. If you'd like a table, please email Lauren on the above email address.

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

Saturday 9th May - St Felix Church at 3pm. A 90 minute talk, with photos with a refreshments interval and raffle.



Readings for 1st March ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent ~ Purple

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Genesis 12: 1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis Chapter 12 beginning at verse 1

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
2 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble; he who watches over you will not sleep.
4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, neither the moon by night.
7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil; it is he who shall keep your soul.
8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

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 4 :1-5,13-17

A reading from Romans chapter 4 beginning at verse 1

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

John 3:1-17

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus [\[a\]](#) by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a

second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**