

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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 29th March
Palm Sunday

10.30am	St. Felix Rendlesham	Palm Procession and Holy Communion
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****Starting outside Costcutter at 10.30am****

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

7.15pm - St. Felix Choir in church

Friday:

8.50am - Eyke Primary School to All Saints for
 School Easter Service

FOR PRAYER

- Creator God, thank you for the life-sustaining gift of water; may we protect this precious resource and ensure clean, safe water for every person, creating a world of health and justice. (22nd March - World Water Day)
- Lord Jesus, as we prepare to wave palms to welcome You as King, enter our hearts and reign supreme, guiding us through Holy Week toward the victory of Easter.
- Jesus, look with favor on your servants who are ill at this time; give wisdom to those who care for them and restore them to health.

Contacts -

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- Please send items for the website and church calendar to David Jordan on david@webspider.org
- Please send items for the pew sheet to Rev Greg.

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Next Midweek Communion Service:
Thursday 16th April - 10am - St. Felix
(No Midweek Service on 2nd April due to evening Holy Communion)

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. 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

Please take away a schedule of the services taking place across the cluster.

Rendlesham Easter Trail

St. Felix Church are running this year's community Easter event. It will involve a trail around the village, ending at Jubilee Park. We'd love to hear from some volunteers who would be willing to support this event between 10 and 12.30pm by either being based at church giving out the trail sheets, or down at the community cafe issuing the Easter eggs or helping to make the Easter nest cakes. Please speak to Rev Greg or Charlotte if you'd be able to help. Thank you!

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.** Please see the church website for more details, and how to purchase tickets.

Bentwaters Airbase Talk

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

Sunday 14th June - St. Felix Take Over Service at 3pm followed by refreshments and fizz! Archdeacon Rich will be joining us. More to follow!.



Readings for 22nd March ~ 5th Sunday of Lent ~ Purple

Romans 8: 6- 11

A reading from Romans chapter 8 beginning at verse 6

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of Lord
Thanks be to God

John 11: 1-45

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying

to stone you, and are you going there again?'

⁹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹²The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away. ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now

Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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