

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY - 14th December**  
*The Third Sunday of Advent*

9.30am	St. Felix, Rendlesham	Said Holy Communion
11am	St. Felix Rendlesham	Carols & Children's Nativity
3pm	St. John's, Wantisden	Carols by Candlelight

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday:**

1.30-3pm - Y3/4 from Rendlesham Primary visiting  
 St. Felix

**Tuesday:**

10:15am-11.30am - Cafe & Top-Up Shop at St. Felix  
 2.30pm - Rendlesham Care Centre Service  
 5-7pm - Open Church at St. Felix

**Wednesday:**

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

**Thursday:**

7pm - Brass Band Carol Concert by the Raedwald  
 Ensemble at St. Felix Church

**FOR PRAYER**

- We pray for the inspiration and courage to build a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love for all (*Human Rights Day - 10th December*)
- God of peace, help us to be instruments of your peace and to bring your light to the places and communities in which we live.

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

**NOTICES & DIARY DATES**

**THIS THURSDAY - 11th December - 7pm**  
**Brass Band Carol Concert by The Raedwald Ensemble @ St. Felix.**

Lots of festive tunes to sit back and listen to, interspersed with well known carols to join in and sing along to.

Please come along and support this event - it's set to be a great evening! There will be an interval with festive refreshments! Free admission, with a retiring collection being split between The Raedwald Brass Band and supporting the work of St. Felix Church.

**Looking Ahead:**

- **Sunday 28th December - 10.30am - Christingle Cafe Church**

**Christmas Service Programme**

Our programme of Christmas services is now available. Please take a copy of the service programme, and please do take a few extra and distribute them to anyone you think might like to know what's going on in the Rendlesham Cluster this Christmas.

**Supporting 'The Leprosy Mission'**

Over Advent we would like to work towards raising funds to support the work of The Leprosy Mission to enable us to donate enough money to train a nurse specialised in Leprosy treatment- this costs £185. Please support if you are able as we journey through Advent together.

Lynn will also be selling Christmas cards in aid of The Leprosy Mission each Sunday over the coming weeks.

**Alone at Christmas?**

Rendlesham Care Centre will be opening their doors on Christmas Day for anyone who might be alone this Christmas and would like to join them for lunch and company. If this is something you are interested in, or know someone who this might be useful for, then please let Rev Greg know so he can inform the RCC in advance for catering purposes.

## **Readings for 7<sup>th</sup> December ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ Purple**

### **Collect**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Isaiah 11:1-10**

*A reading from the book of Isaiah chapter 11 beginning at verse 1*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalms 72:1-7,18,19**

1 Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king. 2 Then shall he judge your people righteously and your poor with justice. 3 May the mountains bring forth peace, and the little hills righteousness for the people.

4 May he defend the poor among the people, deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor. 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, like the showers that water the earth. 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. 18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful things. 19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever. May all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

**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 15:4-13**

*A reading from Romans Chapter 15 beginning at verse 4*

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness, and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised, on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; <sup>10</sup> and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; <sup>11</sup> and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; <sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

*This is the word of Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### **Matthew 3:1-12**

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

**Glory to you O Lord**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' <sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you O Christ**

### **Post Communion**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**