

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY - 1st March**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>All Saints Eyke</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>St Edmunds Bromeswell</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>St. Felix Rendlesham</b>	<b>Holy Communion</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  
 7pm - St. Felix & St Gregory's PCC meeting @ St. Felix

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

**FOR PRAYER**

- Lord, purify my heart and strengthen my spirit to walk faithfully with You through this Lenten season.
- We pray for the mission and outreach of the St. Felix Top-Up Shop. We give thanks to all who volunteer, donate food or funds and all who minister in any way to all who attend.
- We pray for each one of our parish churches in the Rendlesham Cluster. We pray they may be a place of spiritual nourishment and refuge for all who visit and worship in them.

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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**

This lent we are doing an online Lent course (Lenten Paeans) with a daily reflection on Youtube from various members of our church communities, as well as a **short in person gathering on a Tuesday evening at 6.45pm in St. Felix Church** at the end of Open Church. This will start this Tuesday 24th February.

The online reflections began on Shrove Tuesday and can be found on the church Youtube channel.

If you'd like to be part of one of the reflections, please speak to DJ or email him on the email address in the contacts. We'd love a range of people representing the churches in the cluster.

**Holy Week and Easter**

The Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule for the Rendlesham Cluster will be available next Sunday, so please keep a look out for this.



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> February ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ Purple

### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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**

### **Genesis 2: 15-17. 3: 1-7**

*A reading from the book of Genesis Chapter 2 beginning at verse 15*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

### **Psalms 32**

<sup>1</sup> Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.  
<sup>2</sup> Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile.  
<sup>3</sup> For I held my tongue; my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.

<sup>4</sup> Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and my iniquity I did not hide.

<sup>6</sup> I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble; in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

<sup>8</sup> You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance.

<sup>9</sup> 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

<sup>10</sup> 'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding, whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.'

<sup>11</sup> Great tribulations remain for the wicked, but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

***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 5 :12-19**

*A reading from Romans chapter 5 beginning at verse 12*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— <sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life

through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

### **Matthew 4: 1-11**

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup>But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me'. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

### **Post Communion**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**