

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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 15th March
4th Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday

9.30am	St Edmunds, Bromeswell	Holy Communion
9.30am	St. Gregory's Rendlesham	Holy Communion
11am	St. Felix Rendlesham	All Age Mothering Sunday Service

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:

10am-12 Noon - Bromeswell Coffee Morning hosted by Emma and Cameron at The Old School, School Lane, Bromeswell. All Welcome!
 2pm - Ladies Group in back room @ St. Felix

Thursday:

NO CHOIR!
 7-9pm - Deanery Synod at St. Felix, Rendlesham

FOR PRAYER

- Lord, help us recognize when someone is struggling and give us the courage to reach out with love and compassion (*Mental Health Awareness Week 11th-17th March*)
- Creator of all living things, please protect your fragile creatures from extinction and guide us to safeguard their homes (*Endangered Species Day - 15th March*).
- Lord bring peace to our broken world, comfort the brokenhearted and guide leaders to mercy and safety for all.

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 19th 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.

Parish Giving Scheme

Please see the attached notice regarding the Parish Giving Scheme for those who may not be familiar with this, and would be interested in joining.



First Friday's is taking place this coming Friday, instead of last Friday when it should have been. As always, all are welcome. We will begin with a bring and share supper, and our theme this time round will be:

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 8th March ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent ~ Purple

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Exodus 17: 1-7

A reading from the book of Exodus Chapter 17 beginning at verse 1

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 95

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.
6 Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
8 O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, on that day at Massah in the wilderness,
9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.
10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
11 'So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest." .
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 :1-11

A reading from Romans chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of Lord

Thanks be to God

John 4:5-42

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

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have

no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and mind.

Amen