

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY - 3rd May**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

9.30am	All Saints, Eyke	Holy Communion
11am	St Edmunds, Bromeswell	Holy Communion
11am	St. Felix, Rendlesham	Holy Communion

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Tuesday:**

10:15am-11.30am - Cafe & Top-Up Shop at St. Felix  
 2-3pm - Wilford Benefice Ministry Meeting @ St. Felix

5-7pm - Open Church at St. Felix

**Wednesday:**

2pm - Ladies Group in St. Felix.

**Thursday:**

7.15pm - St. Felix Choir rehearsing in church

**Friday:**

5.45pm - First Friday Suppers @ St. Felix

**FOR PRAYER**

- Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, guide me to walk in your paths, hear your voice, and rest securely in your love.
- Loving Father, we lift up all those facing exams—be with them, grant them peace, and remind them of their worth as they use their talents to do their best.
- Lord, bless the new residents of Eyke parish with peace, joy, and a warm sense of home as they settle into our community.

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**NOTICES & DIARY DATES**

**Next Midweek Communion Service:**  
**Thursday 7th May - 10am - St. Felix**

**St. Felix Top-Up Shop**

St. Felix Top-Up Shop is continuing to be well used. We are currently looking for some new sponsors to help ensure we can continue to provide this service to all those who are in need of it. If you know anyone, or have a link with any businesses, who you think might be willing to give a monthly donation to support the work of the Top-Up Shop, please do pass this message on and put them in contact with Rev. Greg or Sandra - contact details for both are on the Rendlesham Church website.



Our May First Friday Suppers is on Friday 1st May. Come along for 5.45 ready to begin a shared meal at 6pm, and start our session for 6.30pm. This month's theme is - . Just bring yourself along and an item of food to share. A lovely evening of discussion, fellowship and food. All Welcome!

**APCM Dates:**

- St Edmund's, Bromeswell - Sunday 3rd May - 12.15pm
- St. Gregory & St. Felix, Rendlesham - Sunday 10th May - 12.30pm - at St. Felix Church
- All Saints, Eyke - Monday 11th May - 9.45am - Held at All Saints Church

**Looking Ahead - Save the Date!**

**Bentwaters Airbase Talk**

Saturday 9th May - St Felix Church at 3pm. A 90 minute talk, with photos. There will also be an interval break for refreshments and a 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!

**Saturday 20th June, 7pm - Talent Show at St. Felix** - More information to follow. Save the date, and start practising your act!



## Readings for 26<sup>th</sup> April ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ White

### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Acts 2: 42-47

*A reading from the book of Acts chapter 2 beginning at verse 42*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

### Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.  
3 He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are

with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**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**

### 1 Peter 2:19-25

*A reading from the first letter of Peter Chapter 2 beginning at verse 19*

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' <sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

### John 10:1-10

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

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

### Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**