

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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 24th May
Pentecost - The Birthday of the Church!

11am	St. Felix, Rendlesham	Holy Communion - followed by birthday cake and fizz!
6pm	St. Gregory's Rendlesham	Taizé

Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost - You are invited to wear something RED!

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 St. Felix.
 7pm - Mothers Union Launch - Prayer, Pizza & Prosecco

Thursday:
 Rev Greg at Eyke School All Day, followed by
 Governors Meeting 4-6pm.
 5.30-6.30pm - Line Dancing Class in St. Felix
 7.15pm - St. Felix Choir rehearsing in church

Friday:
 6pm - 'Fired Up' Youth Pizza Making Night

Saturday:
 10.30am - Community Litter Pick followed by soup
 lunch in St. Felix

FOR PRAYER

- Lord, bless Rylie as she is baptised next Sunday afternoon at St. Felix. Fill her heart with Your peace, love, and protection all her days
- Lord, on this Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the church; pour out Your fresh Spirit upon our congregations, uniting us in faith, empowering our witness, and filling our communities with Your transforming love.

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 send items for the pew sheet to Rev Greg.

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Next Midweek Communion Service:
Thursday 28th May - 10am - St. Felix
(Moved from 21st - so no midweek this coming week)

Start Course

Starting on **Friday 5th June, 6pm at St. Felix**. This is a 6 week course offering an opportunity to explore the Christian faith with food, fellowship and a time to watch some video clips, engage in group discussion and time to reflect. Running concurrently across six Friday nights starting on 5th June. Please see the flyers or church website for more information.

Revitalised Mothers' Union

Prayer, Pizza and Prosecco - a fresh and exciting new expression of Mothers Union launching on **Wednesday 20th May, 7pm** at St. Felix. Open to men, women, the young and the young at heart. First session with Jeanette Appleton, Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union.

Rendlesham Community Litter Pick - Next Saturday - 10.30am. Come along and join us, bring gloves if you have them. Litter pickers, bags etc supplied. Soup lunch in church afterwards.

Song Offerings - Sunday 7th June - 2-4.30pm

An afternoon of learning original songs in harmony for cappella singing by Rachel Faith Parsons. Free, with donations to 'Music in our Bones'. Reserve a space by booking through Ticket Source - search 'Song Offerings'

Looking Ahead - Save the Date!

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

Sunday 14th June - Bromeswell Open Gardens - 2-5pm. Refreshments served at the church, along with musical accompaniment. Entry - Adults £5, children free.

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



Readings for Ascension ~ Gold/White

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only- begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Daniel 7:9-14

A reading from Daniel chapter 7 beginning at verse 9

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand, thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.¹¹ I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 47

1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; O sing to God with shouts of joy.
2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.
3 He subdued the peoples under us and the nations under our feet.
4 He has chosen our heritage for

us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.
5 God has gone up with a merry noise, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 For the powers of the earth belong to God and he is very highly exalted.

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

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from Acts chapter 1 beginning at verse 1

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their

sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

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Thanks be to God

Luke 24:44-end

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

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God..

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you O Christ

Post Communion

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**