

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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 10th May
6th Sunday of Easter

11am	St. Felix, Rendlesham	Holy Communion
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday:
 10:15am-11.30am - Cafe & Top-Up Shop at St. Felix
 2pm - Church Service in Rendlesham Care Centre
 5-7pm - Open Church at St. Felix

Wednesday:
 2pm - Ladies Group in St. Felix.

Thursday:
 10am - Midweek Holy Communion at St. Felix
 5.30-6.30pm - Line Dancing Class in St. Felix
 7.15pm - St. Felix Choir rehearsing in church

Friday:
 5.45pm - First Friday Suppers @ St. Felix

Saturday:
 3pm - Bentwaters Airbase Talk at St. Felix

FOR PRAYER

- We pray for all those preparing for upcoming examinations - we pray for peace to calm their hearts, wisdom to recall what they have studied, and confidence to finish strong,
- Lord, we pray for all those seeking You, that they may have the courage and support to make that next step to walk the faith journey with you.
- Lord, please provide daily bread to those facing hunger and guide us to be compassionate stewards who share our abundance.

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NOTICES & DIARY DATES

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

****St Edmund's, Bromeswell APCM is TODAY!**
Taking place at 12.15pm in The Vestry **

Bentwaters Airbase Talk - Next Saturday!
 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.
 A retiring collection will be taken at the end with funds split between the Bentwaters Cold War Museum and St. Felix Church.

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 6 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.

APCM Dates:
 - **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!

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 3rd May ~ 5th Sunday of Easter ~ White

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Acts 7: 55-60

A reading from the book of Acts chapter 7 beginning at verse 55

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul .

⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 31.1-5

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

4 Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

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 2:2-10

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

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of Lord

Thanks be to God

John 14:1-14

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going. ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen