

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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 2nd August
Trinity 9

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

Please note there is no 11am Holy Communion at St Edmund's Bromeswell next Sunday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday:

10:15am-11.30am - Cafe & Top-Up Shop at St. Felix

Wednesday:

2pm - Ladies Group in St. Felix

5-7pm - Quiet Prayer Time - St. Felix

Thursday:

5.30-6.30pm - Line Dancing Class in St. Felix

No Choir Rehearsals until September

FOR PRAYER

- Gracious God, we pray for your Holy Spirit to guide the recruitment process for our new Community Outreach Minister, so that you may lead a devoted and compassionate leader to unite, serve, and uplift the congregations of St. Felix in Rendlesham and St. Andrew's in Melton.
- Lord, grant me the grace to quiet my restless mind and body, and to find deep, renewing rest in the warmth of this summer season.
- We pray for those who are unwell at this time, or undergoing tests. We pray for God's peace and comfort to be upon them.

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 send items for the pew sheet to Rev Greg.

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Next Midweek Communion Service:
There will be no midweek services at St. Felix during August. We will restart in September.

We Need You!

St. Felix will be having their community BBQ and Teddy Bear's Picnic on Saturday 29th August. We'd love your help! If you'd be willing to volunteer to run a stall, serve refreshments, help with the setting up and packing away then please come and let either Rev Greg, Charlotte or Sandra know. We'd welcome your offer with open arms! There is also a sign up sheet at the back of St. Felix. Thank you.



Rev Greg's Leave

During the month of August, Rev Greg will be taking annual leave on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and taking his usual Saturday day off.

Sea Sunday - Donation Made

Thank you for supporting our Sea Sunday service at St. Felix at the end of June. We are pleased to say we were able to make a donation of £100 towards the 'Seafarers Mission'. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Looking Ahead - Save the Date!

Saturday 29th August - 12-4pm - Teddy Bears Picnic & Community BBQ. BBQ, raffle, tombola, teddy tombola, garden games, refreshments. All are welcome! Please invite friends and neighbours.

Saturday 26th September - Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning - 10am-12.30pm - Eyke Village Hall.

Saturday 10th October - 7-9pm - Harvest Supper & Quiz at St. Felix Church. More details to follow.

October 2026 - Harvest and Scarecrow Festival around Rendlesham - dates and more details to follow.

17th December 2026 - Raedwald Brass Ensemble Christmas Concert at St. Felix Church. 7pm.

Readings for 26th July ~ 8th Sunday after Trinity ~ Green

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from 1 Kings Chapter 3 beginning at verse 5

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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

Psalms 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore, my soul keeps them.
¹³⁰ The opening of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
¹³¹ I open my mouth and draw in my breath, as I long for your commandments.
¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.

¹³³ Order my steps by your word, and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ Redeem me from earthly oppressors so that I may keep your commandments.

¹³⁵ Show the light of your countenance upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ My eyes run down with streams of water, because the wicked do not keep your law.

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 8:26-39

A reading from the Letter to the Romans chapter 8 beginning at verse 26

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Matthew 13:31-33 44-52

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' ⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen