

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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 23rd August
Trinity 12

11am	St. Felix Rendlesham	Holy Communion
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday:
 2.30pm - Rendlesham Care Centre - Song of Praise Service

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 (*moved from Tuesday's to Wednesday's from now on*)

Thursday:
 5.30-6.30pm - Line Dancing Class in St. Felix
 No Choir Rehearsals until September

FOR PRAYER

- Lord, please wrap Your healing arms around those in the hospital right now, grant them strength and comfort, and guide the hands of their medical team to bring them full restoration and peace.
- Gracious God, we lift up all victims of violence and hate based on religion or belief, praying for healing for the injured, comfort for grieving families, and a world united in peace, mutual respect, and absolute freedom to worship or believe without fear.
- We pray for young people receiving exam results.

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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!

Please continue to sign up to support the St. Felix Community BBQ and Teddy Bears Picnic. Thank you to those already signed up. ***We'd also welcome and raffle, tombola and teddy tombola prizes too please.***

We'd also appreciate donations of cake/savoury goods for the refreshments, so please let us know if you could offer one of these.

Rev Greg's Leave

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

First Fridays

First Fridays will take a break over August, and restart on Friday 4th September. A reminder we arrive at 5.45pm, for a 6pm start. We begin with a bring and share meal, before delving into our topic for the evening. We then end the evening with Compline.

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.

Sunday 29th November - 12-4pm - Christmas Craft Fair at Bromeswell Village Hall

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

Readings for Sunday 16th August ~ 11th Sunday after Trinity ~ Green

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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*

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

A reading from Isaiah Chapter 56 beginning at verse 1

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.
⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant - ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Psalms 67

1 God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
2 That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.

7 God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. nations.

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 11:1-2a,29-32

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 11 beginning at verse 1

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

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

[¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³ He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit. ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶ Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into

the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?' ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**