

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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 4th October
Trinity 18

9.30am	All Saints Eyke	Holy Communion for Harvest
11am	St Edmund's Bromeswell	Holy Communion
11am	St. Felix Rendlesham	Holy Communion
2pm	St. Felix Rendlesham	A Celebration of Animals
3pm	St. John's Wantisden	Harvest Festival

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

9-10.30am - Little Saints @ St. Felix 0-5 Stay & Play
 3pm-5.30pm - Just 42 Youth Group in St. Felix

Tuesday:

10:15am-11.30am - Cafe & Top-Up Shop at St. Felix
 5.30pm - 1st Rendlesham St. Felix Rainbows

Wednesday:

2pm - Ladies Group in St. Felix
 5-7pm - Quiet Prayer Time - St. Felix

Thursday:

10am - Midweek Communion at St. Felix
 7pm - St. Felix Church & Community Choir
 Rehearsing

Friday

6pm - First Friday Night Suppers (The Vicarage)

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 send items for the pew sheet to Rev Greg.

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Midweek Communion Services in October:
Thursday 1st - 10am & Thursday 15th - 10am



Our next First Fridays is on **Friday 2nd October, 6pm** and will be in **The Vicarage**. We begin with a bring and share meal, our topic this time will be focussed around St. Francis of Assisi and 'rebuilding the church' led by Gillian Parker. We will end with compline.

Service of Welcome

Following Charlotte's appointment as Community Outreach Minister, there will be a short service of welcome at St. Andrew's Melton on Sunday 15th November at 3pm, followed by tea and cake. All are welcome to come and join us as we celebrate this exciting time in the ministry of our churches.

Leprosy Mission Christmas Orders

Lynne will be selling Christmas cards in support of the Leprosy Mission on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at St. Felix. Other items from the catalogue are also available to be ordered too.

Rev. Judith - 25 Years of Ordained Ministry

Rev. Judith from Hollesley is celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry with a special communion service on Wednesday 30th September, 7pm at All Saints, Hollesley. All are welcome to join her in celebrating.

Looking Ahead - Save the Date!

Saturday 10th October - 7-9pm - Harvest Supper & Quiz at St. Felix Church. Please gather your team and purchase your tickets!

Harvest and Scarecrow Festival in Rendlesham - See Posters!

Saturday 28th November - Christmas Craft & Coffee Morning - St. Felix Church - 10am-12 Noon.

Sunday 1st November - 12-4pm - Christmas Craft Fair at Bromeswell Village Hall

17th December 2026 - Raedwald Brass Ensemble Christmas Concert at St. Felix Church. 7pm. Tickets now available to purchase. Tickets £11.

Readings for Sunday 27th September ~ 17th Sunday after Trinity ~ Green

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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**

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

A reading from Ezekiel Chapter 18 beginning at verse 1

The word of the Lord came to me:

²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ^[a]

³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 25:1-8

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.

5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

8 He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly..

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

Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians Chapter 2 beginning at verse 13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you

have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Matthew 21:23-32

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

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"

²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.'

And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**