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

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NEXT SUNDAY - 22nd November
Sunday before Advent/Christ the King

11am	**St. Felix Rendlesham**	**Holy Communion**
6pm	**St. Gregory's Rendlesham**	**Taizé**

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Tuesday:
10:15am-11.30am - Cafe & Top-Up Shop at St. Felix
5.45pm- 1st St. Felix Rainbows

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

Thursday:
10am - Midweek Holy Communion
4pm - Eyke School Governors Meeting

FOR PRAYER

- **For the recently departed - especially for Stephen Nicholls.**
- **God of all people, fill our hearts with love to embrace our differences and walk together in peace *(International Day of Tolerance - 16th Nov)***
- **Lord, be the refuge and gentle healer of all who have been hurt, replacing their pain with peace and their brokenness with wholeness.**

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- **Please send items for the website and church calendar to David Jordan on david@webspider.org send items for the pew sheet to Rev Greg.**

NOTICES & DIARY DATES

Midweek Communion Services in November:
Thursday 5th - 10am & Thursday 19th - 10am

Service of Welcome - THIS AFTERNOON
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.

No Live Streamed Service Next Sunday
Due to holidays, there will be no live streamed service from St. Felix next Sunday (22nd).

Macramé Christmas Tree Workshop on **Monday 7th December. 10a.m until 12 noon** in **St Edmund's Church Vestry**. Please see the poster for cost and how to book your place.

Parish Church Questionnaires
Over the coming weeks and months, I will be reaching out to all those in our church communities, but also in the wider community to gain thoughts and feedback about how the church can best serve the parish in which it is situated. This is to help us plan, to reach out to those who aren't connected with the church and to support us in building God's kingdom in each of our villages across the Rendlesham Cluster. So please do fill them out with your constructive thoughts and reflections.

Christmas Services 2026
Next Sunday the Christmas service rota for the Rendlesham Cluster will be fully published and available.

Looking Ahead - Save the Date!

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

Sunday 29th December - Rendlesham Christmas Lights Switch On. 1pm-7pm.

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

Readings for Sunday 15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent ~ Red or Green

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Zephaniah 1;7,12-18

A reading from the book of Zephaniah chapter 1 beginning at verse7

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord. will not do good, nor will he do harm.'13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vine-yards, they shall not drink wine from them.14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 90.

1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'
4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
8 You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
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

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians Chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of dark-ness. 6So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.11Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Matthew 25: 14-30

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

14 Jesus told his disciples this parable: 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.19'After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."22'And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master'. 24'Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours."26'But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour***. Amen***