

The Finborough and Combs News Sheet

Combs with Gt and Lt Finborough, Buxhall, Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland

WELCOME as we keep in touch, pray and support each other



22nd March 2020

As a result of the COVID 19 Corona Virus our services of worship are suspended – but not our work.....

There will be a private service of **Holy Communion** on behalf of us all in St John the Baptist Church Onehouse today and it is my intention to hold such a celebration each week in one of our churches on behalf of us all. Please do not attend.

We are not able to be together, but we are united through our common faith in Christ. Shall we show our Christianity by not showing fear or hoarding but thinking of others and remembering to live each day to the full? We should not be afraid (Matthew 6.25-34). None of us knows what the future holds.

I have provided below the Readings for this week in full and an online address if you follow the link that came on the email. You are able to borrow service booklets from any of our churches but I have a simpler version available on request. Mothering Sunday and some other services I can e mail. You may like to specifically think of each other at the normal time of your service and perhaps be in contact with someone who you would have met there. You might even like to discuss the sermon!

We are invited to join our Bishops in a National Day of Prayer and action about the Coronavirus today. **At 7pm please light a candle in a window** of your home as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

Our churches remain open and there are special sets of prayers in each Church. If you would like your own please email. National set prayers are available at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturg-and-prayer-resources>. Various broadcasts and Apps are also available.

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Alternatively, from the Book of Common Prayer of 1928- *sent by one of our Elders...*

Grant we beseech thee, merciful Lord, help and deliverance unto us, who are visited with grievous mortality and sickness. Sanctify to us this our sore distress, and prosper with thy continual blessing those who labour to devise for mankind protection against disease and pain. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For full information and resources please refer to the Church of England's national Website <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches> and our own Diocesan site <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/>

I have been told of community efforts via parish Councils in Gt Finborough, Combs and Combs Ford: no doubt networks are operating in other places too. If you are alone or know of people in difficulty please be in touch with Pauline, me or the Churchwardens who will undoubtedly have their 'finger on the pulse' of their community and hopefully be able to assist. Let us also try and support our local catering establishments and businesses as best we can. Rev Alison, Canon Pauline and I are making great use of our phones to be in contact with all Electoral Roll members and others. Rev Chris

Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal;
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.

Exodus 2:1-10 Birth and Youth of Moses

²Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the

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Combs with Gt and Lt Finborough, Buxhall, Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm 34.11-20

- ¹ Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
¹² Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?
¹³ Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
¹⁴ Depart from evil, and do good seek peace, and pursue it.
¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
¹⁸ The LORD is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.
²⁰ He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

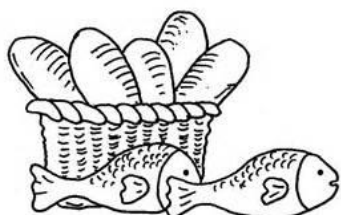
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John 19:25-27

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Mon 23 Mar	Funeral of Michael Bridger , St Andrew's, Gt Finborough
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Your donations are very gladly received in the churches at Combs, Gt Finborough, Buxhall and Shelland. *Current needs include:* Custard, jelly and tins of tuna.

Stowmarket Foodbank
Supporting individuals and families in crisis

Dates for your diary

For your prayers this week

For those who are ill
For hospital staff and medical researchers
For the Christian community
For each other
For the Church
For the World

We live in difficult times - some may like to look up The Letter of James Chapter 4.8a!

As a Group of Churches we are committed to promoting a 'Safer Church' for all.
Information relating to Safeguarding is available in all our churches and from our Diocesan Website
<https://www.cofesuffolk.org/safeguarding>

This pew sheet is also now published on the Combs Village website by popular request!
<http://www.combsvillage.org.uk/st-marys-church/pew-sheets/>

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