

# The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

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

**WELCOME** as we keep in touch,  
pray and support each other  
especially those who cannot come  
back to our buildings yet.



## 15th November 2020 Christ the King

**Welcome** to the **Zoom service of Holy Communion**. You might like to light a candle. Following Orthodox tradition and you may wish to join us with a piece of bread as the 'Bread of Fellowship' given to those in their churches who do not receive the Sacrament.

### Collect for today

Gd the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory. **Amen**



### Readings

**Epistle** Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the

weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

**Holy Gospel** Matthew Chapter 25 verses 31-46 **Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>31</sup> 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

## **Intercessions**

Let us humble ourselves  
in the presence of God and pray to  
him for the church and the world.

Loving God,  
in all our ministry as the Church,  
both laity and clergy,  
on Sundays and on weekdays,  
may we give glory to you  
and further your kingdom.  
Direct us to those who are searching

and give us the wisdom to know  
how best to draw them to your love.

*Silence* We are your people:  
**the sheep of your pasture.**

Loving God,  
may we actively seek to do good,  
to stand up against injustice  
and work for peace;  
Lord, rid the world of terrible evils  
that result from unvoiced objections,  
and unspoken misgivings.

Give us the courage  
to act as true citizens of heaven.

*Silence* We are your people:  
**the sheep of your pasture.**

Loving God,  
may the way we manage our homes,  
decisions, time and money  
be in keeping with our calling  
as inheritors of the kingdom.  
May your love undergird all our loving.

*Silence* We are your people:  
**the sheep of your pasture.**

Loving God, search for the lost,  
bring back those who have strayed,  
bind up the injured,  
strengthen the weak;  
help us all to share  
in this work of loving care.  
Especially we pray for.....

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **Diocesan Prayer for Generosity**

Loving God, you are always with us,  
and give us all we need  
to be your church in Suffolk.

Help us, we pray,  
to give as we have received:  
abundantly, generously, joyfully,  
that our worship and our service  
may bear witness to your kingdom of unfailing love.

In the name of your son who gave his life for us, Jesus Christ **Amen**

*Silence* We are your people:  
**the sheep of your pasture.**

Loving God,  
welcome into your kingdom  
all whose lives  
show them to be your servants,  
whether or not  
they have known your name.  
Especially we remember....  
Prepare us all  
to meet you with confidence  
of sins confessed and forgiven.

*Silence* We are your people:  
**the sheep of your pasture**

Loving God,  
you have shown us such love  
and humility;  
We offer you our thanks and praise.

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those recently died**

Harold Turner, Barbara Thompson Elaine Tomlinson

**May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory**

**Stowmarket Foodbank**  
Supporting individuals and families in crisis

Your donations are very gladly received at this time of considerable need either by being left at the Supermarket in the box provided or in the Box outside the Food Bank in the Community Centre Hillside Stowmarket between 9 and 1 each weekday. **Monetary donations may be made through kindlink which can be reached by their website: [www.livingit.org.uk](http://www.livingit.org.uk) and Foodbank area! There is a red donate button.**

## Study and Prayer Courses

We shall be following the Diocesan Course 'Living Advent' on Zoom from 4pm on Wednesday 2nd December and each Wednesday following – join when you can.  
– the booklet is available in hard copy. Log in details from Pauline or Chris

**and in the meantime** we are following a 4 week course on Living Prayer. There is picture and written material to look at, so please be in touch if you would like more information and the booklet.

### Christmas Craft Club (for adults)



On Zoom from Wednesday's at 7pm. Details from Lisa 01359 245013

Making simple Christmas decorations.



### A Call to Prayer for the Nation from the Archbishops

All have been asked to join each evening at 6pm and I can provide a leaflet if you are not able to access the below link.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation>



We have been asked to ring our bells at 6pm – at least each Thursday evening. Thank you to those – not necessarily Churchwardens who are doing so. It is much appreciated my many.

### Children's Activities over Christmas and Christingle

Pauline and the Messy Church Teams are preparing packs once again and if you didn't receive contact over half term and would like to next time please be in touch. WE sent out almost 50.

I am aware that many of our Christian Charities like the Children's Society will loose income this year and their valuable work with vulnerable children be curtailed. We are planning to run at least one Christingle and so if you can offer help please do so. They are great fun for all ages.

***All events are subject to change according to regulation***

***Morning Prayer on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10am, Bible Study on Wednesdays at 4pm continue on Zoom – ask for details***

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 village websites including Combs Village

<http://www.combsvillage.org.uk/st-marys-church/pew-sheets/>

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