

The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

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

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



21st November 2021 Christ the King: Sunday next before Advent

Church Services Today 9.30am Holy Communion, Harleston
11.00am Family Communion., Combs
11.00am Morning Worship, Great Finborough

Collect for today

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Readings

The Old Testament reading is taken from the Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

7:9 As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

7:10 A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

7:13 As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

7:14 To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

Holy Gospel is taken from John 18:33-37: Glory to you O Lord

18:33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

18:34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

18:35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

18:37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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



Intercessions

Majestic and all encompassing God, you are the authority over everything that exists in all of creation, and yet you are one with us and we are one with you.

We bring before you now in our prayers of intercession our hopes and dreams for a better world, better human relationships and of lives restored to wholeness. In all these we acknowledge you as King of all and seek no more than your grace allows.

Lord in Your mercy. - 'Hear our prayer'

Father of all nations we pray for your world-wide Church, that it may continue to spread into every corner of the globe. In the worldwide Church we remember the Church of Bangladesh. In our Diocese we pray for Heveningham with Ubberstone, Huntingfield and Cookley and Dominic Doble who ministers there. We pray for our Benefice and for all who give of their time and talents to carry forward the work of Christian witness to your eternal praise and glory.

Lord in Your mercy. - 'Hear our prayer'

Lord we pray for an end to all that causes conflicts and wars. We are reminded once again that open warfare offers little in the way of lasting solutions when the cause is often deep rooted and blurred by racial, social or religious overtones. Lord Jesus you showed that no barrier to reconciliation was impregnable; that even those some classed as 'untouchable' could share equally in the kingdom of God, and that your grace was sufficient to overcome all hatreds for those who would open their hearts to accept it.

We remember the work of the United Nations and of the many Non-Governmental Agencies dealing at first hand with the injured, with refugees or with repairing damaged infrastructure. We continue to remember and pray for Afghanistan.

Lord in Your mercy. - 'Hear our prayer'

As financial uncertainty continues to stalk our boardrooms, workplaces and high streets we pray, especially at this time of year, for those whose jobs and livelihoods are threatened. We give thanks for the many agencies who gear up at this season to helping the most disadvantaged in society and pray that they find the recourses that they need to fulfil their aims.

We pray for all who hold offices of power and influence that their programmes and policies are ones which unite, encourage and enrich the lives of all people.

Lord in Your mercy. - 'Hear our prayer'

We pray for those in most need in our own families and neighbourhood, thinking of the elderly, the housebound and those in hospital and hospices.

We pray for all carers and visitors whether family members, Volunteers or Health care professionals; for they do your work and so we ask for them your gifts of patience, compassion and understanding.

So now we share a moment of silence together as we bring before you those we know who are in need at this time.

As we have named them in our hearts so let them feel your presence and friendship in their lives as we commit them to your loving care.

Lord in Your mercy. - 'Hear our prayer'

We also remember those we have loved but see no more and pray for those left behind to grieve for a while and then to continue on life's journey knowing that things will not be the same.

As we show to the bereaved our love and compassion, help us also to share with them the certain knowledge that Helen Pyke, Gloria's cousin, David Richards, Avis Bradley and Rachel Collinson are in the light of Jesus Christ the Light of the World, a light which no darkness can quench. For you turn our darkness into light; in your light shall we see light.

Lord in Your mercy. - 'Hear our prayer'

Lord when we feel weak and uncertain, reassure us that we are held in your love.

And when we feel confident and strong, challenge us with the work that is needed to further your kingdom in this time and place.

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

Stowmarket Foodbank
Supporting individuals and families in crisis

Your donations are very gladly received at this time of considerable need by being left at a Supermarket in the box provided. The collection point at Hillside Community Centre for the Food Bank is still operational but there are other

places. **Monetary donations may be made through kindlink which can be reached by their website: www.livingit.org.uk There is a red donate button.**

Safeguarding

This brief summary of the training levels for safeguarding is a reminder to us all that we need to make sure that our training is up to date.

Basic – any person in church who holds a role, for example Welcomer, Flower Arranger, Cleaners, Choir members And many more

Foundation – All PCC members, Group helpers for example messy church helpers

C2 Leadership – Elders, Group Leaders for example Choir leaders, Messy Church Leaders

This is only a brief summary so if you are unsure about what level of training you are required to complete please go to <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/for-parishes/promoting-a-safer-church/safeguarding-training/> for more details.

If you are unsure if your training is due for renewal, or have any other questions, please contact: lisa.hicks@live.co.uk Lisa is a Diocesan Safeguarding Trainer so will do her best to assist, or direct you to others who can.

Dates

Monday 22nd November 10.30-12.30 Meet Up Monday Combs Church Hall.
7.30pm Little Finborough PCC, Combs Rectory

Tuesday 23rd November 7.00pm Great Finborough PCC, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

Saturday 27th November 9.30am – 12noon St Andrew's Gt. Finborough Annual Supporters' Day
2.00pm – 4.00pm Combs Church Christmas Fayre St. Mary's Church Hall, Poplar Hill, Combs

Sunday 28th November 9.30am Spiritual Communion on Zoom
9.30am Holy Communion, Buxhall
9.30am Morning Worship, Shelland
11.00am Holy Communion, Onehouse
11.00am Patronal Festival Holy Communion, Great Finborough
3.00pm Evening Prayer, Little Finborough

Advanced Notice

Helpful practices through Advent

Four Tuesdays starting **Tuesday 30 November** 7.00pm to 8.30pm

A course through Advent with Bishop Mike, this time taking a look at some spiritual disciplines, habits of mind, heart and body which are seasonally appropriate and offer opportunities for deeper formation in Christ. All very welcome. Enquiries to [Lesley Steed](mailto:Lesley.Steed) to book please visit

Eventbrite: <https://adventcourse-2021.eventbrite.co.uk> We hope as many people as possible will enrol for this course

Saturday 4th December, 10.30am – 12 noon Great Finborough's Village Craft Group are hosting a Christmas coffee morning in St Andrew's Church. After such a long time, a chance to catch up with old friends and new. Cakes, crafts, raffle and more...

Revds Sarah, Alison and Pauline are available together with members of the Ministry Team for conversations with anyone of you. It is still a worrying and most difficult time. We still need to take care and be sensible. Many of you are doing all you can, as always, to support those in need both financially and perhaps more importantly with your time. We give thanks that our churches are now open for services but still subject to regulations.

"Come to Forgiveness" a reflection by Alison and Andy : <https://youtu.be/6EmBK-07wMk>

Bible Study Group

See above.

Wednesday Mornings in Trinity Hall, Onehouse

9.30am Wednesdays Said Holy Communion followed by Coffee & Cake at 10.30am.
All Welcome

Saturday Morning Prayer on Zoom 10am

Here is the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84537834344?pwd=dmZRdXpkbXNpUk15aVNjdzMwdmg5dz09>

Meeting ID: 845 3783 4344 Passcode: 916836

All most welcome

Meet up Mondays

10.30am to 12.30pm in Combs Church Hall, Poplar Hill, Combs Ford IP14 3EH. Next meeting 22nd November 2021.

Knit and Natter

Thursday 2nd December 11.30-2pm, Bring a Light Lunch. Combs Church Hall, Poplar Hill Combs Ford, IP14 3EH. If you want to know more phone Jenny 01449 615956.

All most welcome

Mondays @ 4pm

On Zoom each week for anyone who wishes to join for an informal chat with a cup of tea and biscuit.

This has just restarted and we hope as many people who would like to come will join us.

Contact details from Canon Pauline or Lisa or this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89865903589?pwd=RzNtZFM1eGN4dHY5NFJGStG3QjllZz09>

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All most welcome



Combs Church Christmas Fayre

Not too late to get in touch with Jenny 01449 615956 to donate prizes for the raffle; gifts for the gift stall, cakes or other items for the different stalls.

All Welcome

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died

Helen Pyke, Gloria's cousin, David Richards, Avis Bradley and Rachel Collinson

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

All events are subject to change according to regulation

Morning Prayer on Saturdays at 10am – please see above or 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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