

# The Combs and Finborough Benefice News Sheet

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

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



**9<sup>th</sup> January 2022: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, The Baptism of Christ, Plough Sunday**

**Church Services Today** 9.30 am Holy Communion, Shelland  
9.30 am Plough Sunday Service, Buxhall  
11.00 am Morning Worship, Onehouse  
3.00 pm Epiphany Procession and Service, Little Finborough

## Collect for today

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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**



## Readings

**The First Reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 8.14-17**

<sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. <sup>15</sup> When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

**The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>3:15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>3:16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>3:17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>3:21</sup> Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>3:22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

## Intercessions

Mighty God, Lord of life, we thank you for the moments in history which have pointed towards the mystery of baptism: especially Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan, when you opened the door of heaven to proclaim him to be your beloved son and sent the Holy Spirit down upon him.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Everlasting God we pray for all baptised Christians throughout the world especially for those preparing for Baptism across our benefice. We raise before you the candidates, parents, sponsors and godparents and pray that they be given the grace, courage and perseverance to faithfully keep the promises they will make.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Creator God we pray for peace and integrity in all negotiations undertaken by governments and leaders. As the Covid pandemic continues throughout the world, we remember those countries without access to vaccines, praying for richer countries to generously share their vaccine supplies. Hear the cries of the people of the world who have never known peace; bring healing to those suffering from the violence of terrorism and comfort those mourning the dead.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father God, your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: we give thanks for his presence with us in our homes and in our lives. Guide us in our relationships with family and neighbours, especially those in trouble or need and bless those who have guided and enriched our own lives.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Gracious God we pray for the sick who because of their weariness or pain find it difficult to pray; may they be aware of our prayer on their behalf and accept graciously the support and love of their families and friends within our benefice and the wider community.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful God we pray for those who are dying and those who have already completed their life here on earth; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Creator God and Holy Spirit who in the beginning hovered over the waters and at Jesus' baptism descended in the form of a dove, come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we too may hear your life-giving word and be renewed by the power of the spirit. Holy God we, thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our appreciation of your creation so that as we go about our busy lives through this coming week we may do it with eyes wide open to the richness and colour of our surroundings and the vibrant variety of the people we live amongst.

**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](http://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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> January NO** Meet Up Monday, Combs Church Hall [see below]

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January** 7.30pm Buxhall PCC on Zoom

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January** 9.30 am Holy Communion, Harleston  
11.00 am Family Communion, Combs  
11.00 am Morning Service, Great Finborough  
3.00 pm Evensong, Little Finborough  
6.00 pm Compline on Zoom [Log in below]

Combs & Finborough Churches is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Compline  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88976870360?pwd=c1FiME11dTIRVW1tamUvYkFCTCs4Zz09>  
Meeting ID: 889 7687 0360 Passcode: 055856

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>

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> January

### **Knit and Natter**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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>

Meeting ID: 898 6590 3589 Passcode: 614043

All most welcome



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