

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

19th November 2023: 2nd Sunday before Advent

Church Services Today

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Service*

*Link to join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84498102004?pwd=ZEpNWk5EQnJJSFYrWlY5a3R2WUJOUT09>

Meeting ID: 844 9810 2004 Passcode: 454033

Advent Course

We will be holding our Advent course over 4 weeks, starting on Thursday 30th November and then meeting on 7th, 14th and 21st December at Trinity Hall, Onehouse at 10am. We will be exploring the Gospel of Mark which the church will be using in its Sunday readings from the beginning of December. If you would like to come along to any of these sessions please let Revd Sarah know at revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com or on 01449 676065.

Prayer Group

We have a group of people from across the Benefice who pray individually for anyone who asks for prayerful support, whatever the situation may be. All information given is kept totally confidential. Our only request is that the person receiving prayer gives their consent. If you or someone you know would welcome prayer, please contact Elizabeth Mooney on 01449 615784 or emooney6@sky.com.

Forthcoming Events

22nd November – Onehouse PCC, 7.30pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

25th November – Onehouse Christmas Fayre at Trinity Hall, 10am to 12pm

25th November – Autumn Supper, Pettward Hall, Great Finborough, 7.30pm, further details from Peter Turner email p.turner125@btinternet.com

27th November – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm at Buxhall Village Hall

30th November – Shelland PCC, 7pm at Heath Road, Woolpit

2nd December – Combs Christmas Fayre at Combs Church Hall, 10am to 3pm, if you're able to donate raffle prizes, items for the tombola and cakes please contact Jenny on 01449 615956

5th December – Combs PCC, 7pm at Combs Rectory, Combs Ford

8th December – Buxhall Christmas Social, 7pm to 9pm at Buxhall Village Hall, £5 a ticket which includes drinks, bring and share food, raffle for a hamper

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting is a special and will take place on 27th November from 11.30am to 1.30pm, booking is required so please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794 or if you require further details. All most welcome.

Let's Get Crafty

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd November from 11.30-2pm, 9 Boulters Way, Stowmarket IP14 1SG. If you want to know more please phone Jenny 01449 615956. Everybody is welcome.

Wednesday Mornings in Trinity Hall, Onehouse

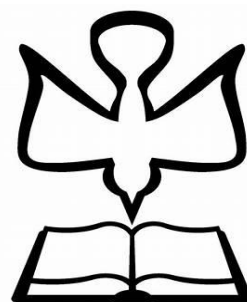
9.30am Wednesdays Said Holy Communion followed at 10.30am by coffee and cake.

Saturday Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10am

Join us for a short service of Morning Prayer on Zoom, this is the link to join the service <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84537834344?pwd=dmZRdXpkbXNpUk15aVNjdzMwdmg5dz09>
Meeting ID: 845 3783 4344 Passcode: 916836

Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent

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.



Readings

The New Testament reading is taken from 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When 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! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But 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. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 25.14-30 : Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each

according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then 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." His 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." 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." His 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." 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; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 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? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For 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. As 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.**

Intercessions

Loving God, we offer our prayers now for all people and their situations; for lives that are going through upheaval or distress; for circumstances which only you can change.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for peace in the world, for understanding between nations, religions and factions and for an end to old scores which remain unsettled. We especially pray for the peoples of the Middle East as the conflict continues and for Christian, Muslim and Jew, that they may live alongside one another in mutual respect and harmony.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we thank you for the gifts, talents and abilities you have given each of us praying that a deeper understanding of those talents can be used and shared within our church and communities. Set us free from the fear that makes us inward looking. Give us a renewed generosity with our time, our talents and our treasure. Give us a renewed concern for those who are struggling in our congregations and our communities. Give us a renewed vision of what it is for us to be your church, in this place, at this time.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Forgiving God, send your healing forgiveness to all who are suffering feelings of guilt, shame or regret. Help to mend broken relationships. Be with all who feel that, through advancing years or failing health, they cannot enjoy life as it used to be. May those who are learning to

live a new pattern of life feel that you are walking beside them. We especially pray for the sick and suffering in our Churches, and give you thanks for those who are on the road to recovery.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we remember those who have died and for those who are bereaved. May the light of Christ which eternally shines bring hope to their dark places. We especially pray for those whose anniversary falls at this time.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, forgive us when we only turn to you when things trouble us and when we forget to thank you for your blessings and bounty. Help us to recognise all the wonderful things in your world for which we should be grateful and send us out into the coming week ready to show our gratitude in all that we do and say.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Services on 26th November: Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

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

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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>

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