

# 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

**14 April 2024: Third Sunday of Easter**

### Church Services Today

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

### 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 at [emooney6@sky.com](mailto:emooney6@sky.com).

### Forthcoming Events

15<sup>th</sup> April – Buxhall APCM, 7.30pm, Buxhall Church

22<sup>nd</sup> April – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Buxhall Village Hall

26<sup>th</sup> April – Bangers and Mash English Evening, 6.30pm for 7pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse, tickets £12, available from Sylvia Emsden 01449 615592, bring your own drinks, tea and coffee provided, we look forward to seeing you there!

11<sup>th</sup> May – Onehouse Churchyard clear up, 9.30am to 12pm, please bring gardening gloves, tea and coffee will be available, all welcome!

11<sup>th</sup> May – Little Finborough Plant Sale, 10am to 2pm, Orchard House, Battisford IP14 2LZ, refreshments available, cash or card payments

11<sup>th</sup> May – Shelland Quiz, 7pm, £6.50 per person, Onehouse Community Centre, picnic style nibbles, bar available, contact Lisa on 07881 787840 or Martin on 07532 024655 to book tickets

### Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 10.30am to 12.30pm, please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794 if you require further details. All most 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 Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 New Testament Reading is taken from Acts 3.12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

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

#### The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 24.36-48 : Glory to you O Lord

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of

sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

### **Intercessions**

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Help us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and joy and amazement as real as was theirs when he appeared to them.

Creator God, you gave us a beautiful world to live in and to care for. We know that in many areas our stewardship has been a failure yet, through the victory of Jesus Christ, we know also that you can restore all things in glory; and so we pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we pray for our Benefice communities, that each of us might make use of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the "One Body" of the church. Help us to spread the warmth of your love to everyone we meet.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for those who do not share our Easter joy especially those living in the shadow of darkness and despair and for those whose illness narrows their view of the world. We especially pray for all those who have requested prayer and in the quietness of our hearts we raise before You those who we know who are also in need.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can see that we are followers of Christ and children of the most High God, and draw others into his loving care.

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 21<sup>st</sup> April: The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including  
Muriel Hunt, Anthony Garrod and David Dickinson  
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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