

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

28th July 2024: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Church Services Today

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

Save the Date – Benefice Quiet Day

We will be holding a benefice quiet day on Saturday, 28th September in Stowupland. Further details to follow but please keep the date free in your diaries!

Forthcoming Events

29th July – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

29th July – Harleston PCC, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

31st July – Meeting about setting up Friends' Groups, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

3rd August – Buxhall and Shelland Fete, 11am to 4pm, Buxhall church

8th August – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

12th August – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green, Harleston

14th August – Ministry Team Meeting, 2pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

20th August – Combs PCC, 7pm at St Mary's Church, Combs

21st August – Summer Picnic with Children's Activities, 11am to 1.30pm, St Mary's Church, Little Finborough (bring your own picnic and chair, drinks available)

25th August – Pet Blessing Service, 3pm on Harleston Green (please bring a chair!)

31st August – Outdoor Coffee Morning, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

31st August – Shelland Open Garden, 2pm at Green Farm House, The Green, Shelland IP14 3JE (please bring your own picnic, cold drinks available)

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting is a special and will take place on 12th August from 11.30am to 1.30pm, please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794 if you require further details and to book tickets. 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

Prayer Group

We have a group of people from across the Benefice who pray individually and privately 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.

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:

open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace;

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 New Testament Reading is taken from Ephesians 3.14-end

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 6.1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up

and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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

Intercessions

Holy God Make us receptive and open as we lay our intercessions before you. May we accept Your kingdom like children taking bread from the hands of their Father or mother.

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

Creator God we pray for your whole creation; for our brothers and sisters throughout the world and for their lives to be respected and revered regardless of creed or colour, gender or sexuality, wealth or status and for a responsible sharing of precious resources and the conservation of our fragile and beautiful world. We pray for all our world leaders and the responsibilities that they have in bringing these things about.

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

Father God, we raise before you those in our community trying to grow or produce our food under difficult circumstances as climate change continues to affect farmers and producers here in the UK. We pray that weather conditions may stabilise to ensure a good harvest is able to be gathered in.

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

Loving God bring healing to all who are wounded, make whole those who are broken, and shed light wherever there is darkness. Hear now in the silence, those we name before you who have asked for or are in need of healing prayer.

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

Merciful God we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence. Help us to live always mindful of your promise to us that the road of faith will lead into your heavenly kingdom.

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

Faithful God, Fill our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

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 4th August: The Feast of the Transfiguration

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Meeting
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Fiona Kennedy and Michael Thompson.

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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