

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

27th October 2024: The Last Sunday after Trinity

Church Services Today

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Songs of Praise!	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

All Souls' Service on Sunday, 3rd November

We will be holding our annual All Souls' service on Sunday, 3rd November, 6pm at St Andrew's church, Great Finborough to remember those who have died. All most welcome to this gentle service of remembrance and thanksgiving. If you would like the names of your loved ones who are no longer with us to be read out during the service please email Revd Sarah revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com. Many thanks.

Toys for Ukraine

Once again we will be collecting toys for a convoy of lorries taking aid to Ukraine as part of a humanitarian mission organised by the Rotary Clubs of the UK. Ardent Hire Solutions in Ipswich is collecting toys for children to be delivered to a warehouse close to the Ukrainian border, where supplies will then be distributed by local volunteers. If you're able to help by donating toys (in working order and clean) please pass them to Revd Sarah at Combs Rectory as soon as possible and a group of volunteers will then transport donated items to Ardent Hire Solutions in Ipswich. Thank you.

From Liz Beale, Harleston Church

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to my JustGiving page for my trip to Kenya with Mission Direct. As you know I am going to help build facilities for a safe-house for girls at risk of FGM and child marriage for the charity Mission with a Vision. My thanks to everyone who has enabled me to reach my target of £1,500 to buy the necessary building materials for the project. I will see you on my return next month.

Forthcoming Events

28th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2-4pm at the Village Hall, Buxhall

29th October – Combs PCC, 7pm at Combs Rectory

4th November – Great Finborough PCC, 7pm at St Andrew's church, Great Finborough

6th November – Ministry Team Meeting, 2pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse
7th November – Churchwardens' Meeting, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse
11th November – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2-4pm at St Augustine's church, Harleston
13th November – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2-4pm at Finborough Court, Great Finborough
14th November – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am-12pm at Combs Green, Combs
16th November – Combs Quiz, 7pm for 7.30pm at Combs Church Hall, £6.30 per person and please bring your own nibbles and drinks, tickets available from christinamsansom@aol.com

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on 28th October 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

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 Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Hebrews 7.23-end

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no

need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Mark 10.46-end

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Intercessions

Merciful God, help us when praying to be like Blind Bartimaeus who was persistent in his prayers. He did not give up after his first cry of mercy to the Lord Jesus and though he was not heard the first time, he was persistent in his cry until the Lord heard him and healed him.

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

Gracious God, we pray for your church throughout the world and for all Christian people; for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service; for Justin and Stephen our Archbishops, and Martin our Bishop; for the life of our Churches in this benefice. We give you thanks for the gift of your word, the grace of the sacraments and the fellowship of your people.

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

Creator God, Lord of all, we pray for peace in the world bringing before you the troubles and dangers of people and nations; the war-torn and the world-weary. Shower your blessings on communities seeking to rebuild their lives in peace and hope; guide and protect refugees fleeing from war and persecution in their homelands and direct all rulers, governments and leaders of people to strive for justice, peace and fair shares of the rich bounty of their lands.

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

Father God, we pray for ourselves. Give to us an eye that is willing to see meaning in things and people that are familiar and commonplace and always to be sincerely aware of our own faults. Enable us to see likeable qualities in those we may not like, recognise

the mistakes in what we thought was correct and to understand the strength in what we choose to see as weakness.

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

We pray for the sick and suffering and all who care for them. We pray for those for whom this day will be long and hard, for those struggling with despair or depression, for those in hospital and at home. In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

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

We remember in our prayers friends and loved ones who have enriched our lives and are now departed from us. We pray for those who have died in recent days. May your light shine on them for ever and our lives be richer because of their memory.

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

Faithful God as we go out into the world help us to entrust the past to your mercy, the present to your love and the future to your wisdom.

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, Gaza, Lebanon and the wider Middle East 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 3rd November: 4th Sunday before Advent, All Saints Day

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Service
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs
6.00 pm	All Souls' Service	Great Finborough

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Ivan Stiff. 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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