

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

24th November 2024: The Sunday Next before Advent, Christ the King

Church Services Today:

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



Messy Christmas!!

Trinity Hall, Onehouse

Saturday 7th December

10.30am to 12.30pm

Crafts, Stories, Songs and Food

All ages welcome, primary age children and younger welcome with their parents/carers

Places must be booked by emailing

revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com

Advent Course

We will be running a course throughout Advent on Thursday 28th November, and 5th, 12th and 19th December with a 10am start on Zoom and will be using a resource looking at the stories of specific characters of the nativity. The link to join via Zoom is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83954970541?pwd=blwaLa5dKsuV2PghZvQeL4oGjFqPRA.1> Meeting ID: 839 5497 0541 Passcode: 372755. Any questions please email Revd Sarah revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com. All welcome!

Forthcoming Events

25th November – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2-4pm at the Village Hall, Buxhall

27th November – Harleston PCC, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

7th December – Messy Church for Christmas!, 10.30am at Trinity Hall, Onehouse, please book places by emailing revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com

9th December – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2-4pm at Harleston Church, Harleston

12th December – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am-12pm at Combs Green, Combs

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will be a Christmas special and will take place on 9th December from 11.30am to 1.30pm, places must be booked by contacting Revd Alison on 01449 541794 or 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 Sunday next before Advent, Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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 Revelation 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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

Intercessions

Eternal Father through our Saviour Jesus, who is both Christ the King and the Son of Man and who understands our needs and the needs of this world, we pray for your church of which your Son is King. We pray that you will draw us together and unite us in the love of Christ that we may proclaim with one voice your justice and righteousness in a broken world.

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ exchanged his heavenly place and became a servant, we thank you that you have given Charles our King a heart to serve his people, and we ask you to keep him devoted to the promises he made at his coronation. We pray too for all earthly leaders and monarchs; encourage them to serve their people following Jesus' example constantly seeking the common good.

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

Loving God help us reach out to one another with greater love and better understanding; we pray for our homes, our relatives, our neighbours and our friends, particularly those who do not yet realise the extent of your love for them.

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

Father God, your Son, Jesus Christ, understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for those who are sick, housebound or in hospital; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering.

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

Merciful God, you know our hearts and share our sorrows. When parting from those whom we loved hurts; when the loss we have sustained turns to anger; when we find words of comfort hard to hear, surround us with your love to turn our grief to hope.

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

Holy God you have rescued us from the power of darkness. Help us to walk in this world as citizens of your Kingdom of Light where Christ reigns as King in glory for ever and ever.

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 1st December : Advent Sunday

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	Christingle	Combs

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Derrick Stockings. 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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