

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

11th May 2025: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Church Services Today:

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Morning Worship (George Ward Service)	Onehouse

Benefice Quiet Day – A Date for your Diary

We will be holding another benefice quiet day on Saturday 9th August, 10am to 3pm, at Stowupland Church Hall. Further details to follow but please put this date in your diaries!

Update from Liz Beale on Mission with a Vision, Kenya

After the success of my trip last year to Narok, Kenya, I am self-funding a return trip in 2025 to complete the project we began at 'Mission with a Vision'. You may remember this is a non-religious charity which provides sanctuary for girls at risk of FGM and child-marriage. If anyone feels able, I would very much appreciate donations to my JustGiving page to fund the building materials we require.

[Liz Beale is fundraising for Mission Direct](#)

Forthcoming Events

- 11th May – Buxhall APCM and PCC, 11am, St Mary's Church, Buxhall
- 12th May – Little Finborough APCM and PCC, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Little Finborough
- 14th May – Ministry Team Meeting, 2pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse
- 17th May – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, Buxhall Village Hall
- 17th May – Combs Quiz, 7pm for 7.30pm, Combs Village Hall, please bring your own nibbles and drinks, £6 per person tables of up to 6 people, tickets available from 01449 770744 or christinamsansom@aol.com
- 21st May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Finborough Court, Great Finborough
- 21st May – Harleston APCM and PCC, 6pm, St Augustine's Church, Harleston

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on 12th May 2025 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 9.36-End

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 10.22-30: Glory to you O Lord

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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

Intercessions

Good Shepherd, lead us through our daily lives, especially when we walk through the wilderness times, to those green pastures where we might feed on your abundant provision.

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

Good Shepherd save us from ourselves and our persistence in doing the same "wrong" things over and over again, expecting different results. We go fishing every day and we fail to notice you waiting with a meal on the beach. We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep. Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me." Help us to be Good Shepherds in our lives and be a true reflection of you.

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

Good Shepherd we pray for those in positions of authority and leadership; that they do not misuse their powers but respect and care for all their peoples and for the natural resources of their countries. Help us to learn from one another's cultures and respect one another's differences.

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

Good Shepherd as we reflect on Peter's healing of the seamstress Dorcas we give thanks for all those pursuing craft activities throughout our churches and the valuable and ongoing fundraising function that they fulfil. We remember too that Jesus himself was a carpenter and so we also pray for all those who work with their hands to maintain and improve our homes and churches.

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

Good Shepherd, within your embrace we find comfort and healing. We bring to you those who are weak, or struggling with physical, mental or spiritual health. You are the great healer, and we pray for healing of mind and body for those we now name in the silence of our hearts.

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

Good Shepherd, you watch over us; leading us through the barren places, to the place of your safety, that we might gladly lie down in peace. Be especially close to all those who through the loss of a loved one are now in a barren place; give them comfort and

reassurance and help them to remember that your son Jesus Christ put an end to death by dying for us.

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

Good Shepherd, support us by your grace through all the hours of life's day: until the shadows lengthen, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and the evening comes. Then Lord, in your mercy: grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Services on 18th May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died.
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/promoting-a-safer-church>

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