

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

18th May 2025: The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Rogation Sunday

Church Services Today:

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

*<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84498102004?pwd=ZEpNWk5EQnJJSFYrWlY5a3R2WUJOUT09> Meeting ID: 844 9810 2004 Passcode: 454033

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!

Christian Aid Week – 11th to 18th May 2025

We were unable to obtain the usual Christian Aid envelopes this year but if you would like to make a donation please use this link give.christianaid.org.uk/donate. Your gift will help farming communities tackle the climate crisis and escape hunger. Many thanks.

Walk 100 Miles in May Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Now

Hilde Cobbald from Great Finborough is fundraising for Breast Cancer Now by walking 100 miles in May. If you are able to support her please donate using this link: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Hilde1744921165253?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=015 JustGiving sends your donation straight to Breast Cancer Now and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. Thank you for your support!

Forthcoming Events

- 21st May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Finborough Court, Great Finborough
- 21st May – Harleston APCM and PCC, 6pm, St Augustine's Church, Harleston

1st June – Hymns and Pimm's, 3pm, St Andrew's Church, Great Finborough – Come and listen to a selection of favourite hymns chosen by members of our community, accompanied by the choir from Combs church and washed down with glasses of Pimm's for donations, which will be going to St Andrew's Church

7th June – Launch of the 'Friends of St Mary's, Combs' group, 7pm to 9pm, a Musical Evening with Cheese and Wine involving choirs, organists and music groups. All welcome!

8th June – Buxhall Flower Service, 3pm followed by Cream Teas, St Mary's Church, Buxhall, with donations going to St Mary's Church

9th June – Archdeacon's Visitation, 7.30pm, St John the Baptist Church, Needham Mkt

14th June – Messy Church for Pentecost! 10.30am to 12.15pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse, places must be booked by emailing revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting is a special and will take place on 2nd June 2025 from 11.30am to 1.30pm, tickets must be booked in advance 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also

accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 13.31-35: Glory to you O Lord

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

Intercessions

Holy God, we come before you with thanksgiving for all your mercy and grace and we give thanks for the beauty and wonder of the world around us as we bring to you our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

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

Creator God, St. John gave us a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. We pray for those parts of the world which badly need renewal. Inspire and guide our world

leaders to constantly work for that day when all the world's peoples may enjoy security, peace and a decent standard of living.

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

Faithful God, your son Jesus said "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." In our worship today, we testify to God's love shown perfectly in Christ and we re-commit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith.

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

Gracious God, in your great mercy comfort and relieve those who are sick, injured, or distressed according to their needs, and enable them to draw strength from you and know that you are with them in all their troubles.

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

Loving God, we pray for those, saddened by the death of a loved one, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to draw comfort from the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of our church family. We remember before God those who have died or whose anniversaries of passing fall at his time.

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

Gracious God, as we go out into the world help us to remember the words of today's readings and to work to make your way become known upon earth and your saving power among all nations.

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

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

Services on 25th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

**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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