

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

12th May 2024: Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day

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

Come and Pray! - Prayer Course

We will be running a 5 week course for everyone who would like to know more about prayer and different ways of praying. The sessions will be held in Trinity Hall, Onehouse, between 10am and 12pm on these dates – 16th May, 23rd May, 6th June, 13th June and 20th June. Please note there is no session on 30th May. If you can't make all of the sessions that isn't a problem, refreshments will be served and if you'd like further details or to register your interest please email Revd Sarah revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com.

Combs 'Strawberry Fayre' – 15th June 2024

The annual Strawberry Fayre will be taking place at the Rectory in Combs on Saturday 15th June from 2pm. We are looking for donations of cakes, raffle prizes and items for the tombola please and volunteers to help out on the day. Please contact Jackie Little at nyejackie@hotmail.com if you're able to help in any way. Many thanks.

Forthcoming Events

12th May – Your Village Church Needs You! Open meeting in Buxhall church at 10.45am, to talk about the role the church plays in the life of the village community. All welcome, whether a church-goer or not, for a discussion about how we can make the best use of this wonderful resource

13th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm on Harleston Green

13th May – Little Finborough APCM, 7pm in church

16th May – Harleston APCM, 7pm in church

20th May – Great Finborough APCM, 7pm in church

21st May – Onehouse APCM, 7pm in Trinity Hall, Onehouse

22nd May – Ministry Team Meeting, 2pm in Trinity Hall, Onehouse

23rd May – Shelland APCM, 7pm in church

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting is a special, 'Better Together' and will take place on 13th May from 11.30am to 1.30pm, please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794 to book a place 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 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 1.15-17, 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 17.6-19 : Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Intercessions

Everlasting God Your son Jesus' Ascension into heaven marked the culmination of the Paschal Mystery. May we live life in the same way as his disciples did at that time, knowing no sense of abandonment but patiently awaiting the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

Holy God we thank you for our church leaders and for everyone who offers their time and energy to support our churches. We pray too for our relationship with churches of different denominations and our fellow Christians throughout the world.

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

Creator God, help the people of your world make the best use of science and technology in order to achieve a better life on this planet. Protect people of third world countries from being exploited and underpaid for their labour just so that we can enjoy cheap luxury goods at their expense.

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

Father God your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbours. Thank you for our families, friends and fellow Christians and for the people with whom we work or share our daily lives. We pray for those who are lonely, those isolated because of age or ill-health, and those who find it difficult to make friends or be accepted.

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

Loving God we remember those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved.

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

Heavenly Father, we raise before you all who have died and who are now with your ascended Son Jesus Christ. We pray for those who have recently died, for their resurrection into Your kingdom and for those whose anniversary falls at this time.

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

Everlasting God open our eyes to see You acting in our lives and our hearts to understand not only what you do for us but what you call us to do to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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 19th May: The Feast of Pentecost

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 including
Craig Macartney.**

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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