

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

5th May 2024: Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rogation Sunday

Church Services Today

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom*
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs

* Join Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 882 6049 3673 Passcode: 022305

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88260493673?pwd=dC9qbG5odVpyUktwcm56bGFxSIBqUT09>

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.

Forthcoming Events

9th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

11th May – Onehouse Churchyard clear up, 9.30am to 12pm, please bring gardening gloves, tea and coffee will be available, all welcome!

11th May – Little Finborough Plant Sale, 10am to 2pm, Orchard House, Battisford IP14 2LZ, refreshments available, cash or card payments

11th May – Shelland Quiz, Postponed

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 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 10.44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 15.9-17 : Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I

have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

Intercessions

Faithful God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us a new commandment, of love for each other and so we ask you to teach us to love you in our neighbours that by serving them we might also serve you.

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

Mighty God, we pray for your church which day by day gathers to praise you and to hear your holy word. We pray for our Christian sisters and brothers worshipping around the world in small rural churches and great city cathedrals.

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

Creator God, the world so often seems to be a violent and fearful place. Give us the strength to love our enemies and to pray for those who by violence and acts terrorism distort and demonise your wonderful creation.

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

Father God, may our closeness to family and friends make us never exclusive, shutting others out, but always inclusive, welcoming others. Encourage us in outgoing hospitality and keep us from becoming possessive with those we love.

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

Loving God, help us all to be a part of the healing ministry of your church. Encourage us to constantly pray for those we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. Deepen our love for our neighbours especially those who are weak, help us to console the sorrowful and give hope to the dying.

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

Merciful God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died; give to the departed the perfect joy of your eternal love and to those bereaved by their passing the consolation of Your perfect love.

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

Holy God, send us out into the world today mindful that as witnesses and servants, we should make you known in every place we visit and bear witness to the Gospel with acts of faith and hope and love.

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

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

**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/safeguarding>

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