

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

7 April 2024: Second Sunday of Easter

Church Services Today

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Service*
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>

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.

Forthcoming Events

8th April – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green (note change of location)

8th April – Little Finborough PCC, 7.30pm, Combs Rectory

9th April – Combs APCM, 6.30pm, Combs Church

11th April – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green

15th April – Buxhall APCM, 7.30pm, Buxhall Church

22nd April – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Buxhall Village Hall

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

11th May – Shelland Quiz, 7pm, £6.50 per person, Onehouse Community Centre, picnic style nibbles, bar available, contact Lisa on 07881 787840 or Martin on 07532 024655 to book tickets

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on 8th April 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

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.
This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 20.19-end: Glory to you O Lord

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Intercessions

Faithful God, we praise you for the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ from the dead. Shed his glorious light on all Christian people that we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Almighty God we ask you to be a real and living presence in your church throughout the world. Throughout our benefice and our churches, wherever we are lacking in faith and courage strengthen us with your Spirit.

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

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our troubled world. Wherever nations are at war and people are suffering we pray for true reconciliation. Protect all Christian people in the nations of the world, and help them to influence their country for the good of all.

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

Father God, we pray for all families whose homes are disrupted by anger and bitterness and where relationships are breaking up. We thank you for the gift of your Son, our saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey and, as he gladdened the hearts of his friends when they saw him raised from the dead, may he travel alongside all who are struggling with their family life.

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

Loving God comfort the sick and suffering with your living presence. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm confused minds and reassure the lonely with your company. We raise before you those we know with particular needs we have been asked to pray for.

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

Merciful God, we remember before you those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Unite us with them in your undying love. Help us to always remember that death could not hold your Son Jesus Christ and that new life for him means new life for all who believe in Him.

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

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ, stands among us, and we have seen the marks of your saving love. Breathe on us with the power of your Holy Spirit and send us out to share the peace of Christ with all who may cross our paths in the weeks ahead.

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 14th April: The Third Sunday of Easter

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

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including
Muriel Hunt, Anthony Garrod and David Dickinson
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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