

# 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

### 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025 : 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

#### Church Services Today:

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Hymns and Pimm's	Little Finborough

### Commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day

We will be holding a short, reflective service on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm at St Mary's, Buxhall to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day. In addition, from 6.30pm and together with churches and cathedrals across the country, the bells will be rung as a collective act of thanksgiving.



### Forthcoming Events

**10<sup>th</sup> August** - Hymns & Pimm's, 3pm, St Mary's, Little Finborough, suggested donation of £5 for glasses of Pimm's

**11<sup>th</sup> August** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green

**11<sup>th</sup> August** – Buxhall PCC, 7.30pm, St Mary's, Buxhall

**13<sup>th</sup> August** - Summer Picnic with children's activities, 11am to 1.30pm, St Mary's, Little Finborough. Please bring your own picnic, drinks will be

available. Please bring chairs and/or rug if needed. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**14<sup>th</sup> August** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

**15<sup>th</sup> August** – VJ Day Thanksgiving Service, 6pm, St Mary's, Buxhall (details above)

**17<sup>th</sup> August** – Pet Blessing Service, 3pm on Harleston Green (please bring a chair!)

**20<sup>th</sup> August** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Finborough Court, Great Finborough

**6<sup>th</sup> September** – Combs Harvest Supper, 7pm at Combs Church Hall, a bring and share meal, please bring food and drinks to share with everyone

### Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **11<sup>th</sup> August 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](mailto:emooney6@sky.com).

## **Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## **Readings**

### **The New Testament reading is taken from Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

## **The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 12.32-40: Glory to you O Lord**

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’ This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Intercessions**

Everlasting God, we give thanks for this new day and as we gather here to worship you we pray that we might be so filled with joy through our belief in you that our hearts overflow with love for you and for all who we meet along our journey.

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

Holy God, give your wisdom and heavenly grace to all bishops, priests and deacons, and to all others who hold office in your church, that, by their service, faith may abound and your kingdom increase.

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

Creator God, in this uncertain time as the wars between Russia and Ukraine and Israel and Palestine continue, drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, restore our passion for what is good and right and give to our leaders wisdom and sensitivity to work for unity and the common good so that our children and grandchildren might enjoy the kind of peace which we have known for the past 80 years.

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

Father God, we pray that in our communities all will be welcome and accepted regardless of nationality, colour of skin or status and that we will seek always to serve God in one another.

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

Loving God, we pray that all those who seek healing of body, mind or spirit will be touched by the loving hand of God, and that they will know his peace and his presence alongside them each and every step of their journey. In a moment of quiet we hold before God those known personally to us in need of His love.

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

Gracious God, and Lord of Life, look in mercy on the departed that they may see your salvation and find their peace and final rest in you.

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

God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear these prayers we offer you in his name. By the power of your Holy Spirit work within us and among us to bring your kingdom values into this world. Let your will be done so that all people may live only for your praise and glory.

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

**Services on 17<sup>th</sup> August: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Pet Blessing Service	Harleston Green (bring your own chair!)
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 Rosemary Gascoine and Jason Spreadbury.  
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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