

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 April 2026 : The Second Sunday of Easter

9.30 am

Holy Communion

Buxhall

9.30 am

Morning Worship

Shelland

11.00 am

Holy Communion

Onehouse

11.00 am

Morning Worship

Great Finborough



Music & Scones

Shelland Church
Saturday 25th April
10.00am to 12.00pm

£7.50 Booking in advance recommended; tickets available on the door
Contact: lisa.hicks@live.co.uk or 07881 787840

Barrel Organ demonstrations throughout the morning, plus refreshments of 'scones as you like them'; a selection of sweet and savoury scones plus tea/coffee



Shelland Church, The Green, Shelland,
Stowmarket. IP14 3JE



Forthcoming Events

13th April – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

13th April – Rural Coffee Caravan, 1pm to 3pm at Harleston Church

15th April – Fashion Show, 7pm at Great Finborough Church, tickets £5 including complimentary drink, tickets from Sadie 07766196612 or Style at Stow 01449 771315

21st April – Combs APCM/PCC, 6.30pm in Combs church

22nd April – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

22nd April – Great Finborough APCM/PCC, 7pm in Great Finborough church

25th April – Music and Scones, 10am to 12pm at Shelland church, see poster above for booking arrangements

25th/26th April – Harleston Plough Day at Harleston IP14 3JG, events taking place throughout each day from 10am, refreshments available

30th April – Shelland APCM/PCC, 7pm at Shelland church

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on 13th April 2026 from 10.30am to 12.30pm, for further details please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794. All most welcome.

Wednesday Mornings in Trinity Hall, Onehouse

9.30am Wednesdays Said Holy Communion followed at 10.30am by coffee and cake.

All welcome.

Saturday Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10am

Join us for a short service of Morning Prayer on Zoom, the link to join this service can be found on the back page of this Pew Sheet.

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 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 2.14 and 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to

Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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

Mighty God, what an amazing gift we have received. We have been born again through the resurrection and even though we have not seen the Risen Christ we love and believe in him, rejoicing with all Christians in an indescribable and glorious joy.

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

Gracious God, like Thomas we will still face times of doubt and uncertainty but we know that we are not alone in our doubts and that you, our Father in heaven, continue to love us whatever our state of mind or body. We give you thanks for our fellow Christians here in our benefice, deanery and diocese.

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

Creator 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 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 the times when our doubts, our fears and our blinkered vision prevents us from taking care of our immediate family and household or when through our busyness, we take no part in the life of our villages or wider community.

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

Faithful God, we hold before you, those whom life has damaged and all who find it difficult to trust in you. We pray that you will push aside their doubts and fears and bring them hope, comfort, and healing and with it an inner peace.

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

Merciful God we pray for those who approach death with great fear and those who have died unprepared to meet you. Have mercy on them, forgive them all that is past and gather them into your everlasting kingdom of peace and joy.

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

Everlasting God we thank you that our time of worship renews our faith and trust in you and your risen son Jesus Christ. Send us out into the coming week ready to show our gratitude and live the Good News of Easter.

Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Services for 19th April: The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	Little Finborough

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Howard Verrier. 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>

Please use this link for all services held on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4703781299?pwd=doep7y6JYxv0lIXsxROxnbezlda9ME.1>

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