

The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

Buxhall, Combs, Gt and Lt Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland



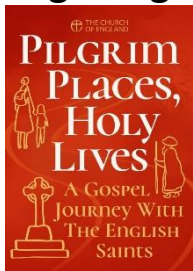
WELCOME

As we keep in touch, pray and support each other

12th July 2026 : The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Pilgrimage Short Course and Quiet Day



We will be holding a short course using this resource, 'Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives'. Through eight places of spiritual awakening and the saints associated with them, we will be exploring the ancient practice of pilgrimage. From Durham to Canterbury, it will help you reflect on what it means to live as a pilgrim on a purposeful journey through life. The

course will take place at the Rectory in Combs Ford, at 10am on the 23rd

July, 30th July, 6th August and 13th August. If you would like to book a place please let Revd Sarah know. Following on from the course we will be holding a benefice quiet day on Saturday, 5th September in Stowupland. The day will be led by Revd Canon Mark Haworth, Cathedral Chaplain, on the theme of pilgrimage. The venue is Stowupland Church Hall with a start time of 10am for coffee, please bring a packed lunch with you and we anticipate the day finishing by around 3pm. There is no cost involved but donations would be welcomed. Places are limited so please email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com to book a place.

Forthcoming Events

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

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

14th July – Combs PCC Meeting, 7pm at St Mary's church, Combs

15th July – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, St

Andrew's church, Great Finborough

15th July – Great Finborough PCC Meeting, 7pm at St Andrew's church, Great Finborough



19th July – Paupers’ Graves Thanksgiving Service, 2.30pm at the Paupers’ Graves site, Onehouse (please bring a chair)

23rd July – Pilgrimage Course, 10am, the Rectory, 135 Poplar Hill, Combs Ford, IP14 2AY

30th July – Pilgrimage Course, 10am, the Rectory, 135 Poplar Hill, Combs Ford, IP14 2AY

30th July – Shelland PCC, 7.30pm King Charles the Martyr church, Shelland

1st August – Buxhall Church Open Day, 10am to 3pm, St Mary’s church, Buxhall

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **13th July 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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Old Testament reading is taken from Isaiah 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 : Glory to you O Lord

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God, we join together in praying to you for the needs the church, the world, our communities and ourselves, trusting in your love which reaches out from before the foundation of the world.

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

Holy God, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and join your rejoicing. Guard the Church against self-righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own, but keep always before us the rule of love.

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

Creator God, we pray for your world. Forgive us when we are ungrateful when spiritual blindness prevents us from appreciating the wonder of your creation and the endless cycle of nature. Forgive us for taking without giving; reaping without sowing. We pray for the farmers of the world many of whom still use those methods described by Jesus and we especially pray that they may be treated with fairness for their labours.

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

Father God, we thank you for the love we share with our families and our friends. We recognise that they may have faults and they love us in spite of ours. Help us to be flexible and adaptable in all of our relationships and also capable of accepting constructive criticism.

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

Loving God and Lord of life, we pray for the gift of courage to face up to and cope with illness. We pray for it for ourselves, and for those known personally to us. We thank you for those who through their courage have come through illness and for those facing the reality that there is little light at the end of their earthly tunnel.

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

Gracious God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of immortality for the children of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. We especially pray for any we know who have recently died and are on that journey to you.

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

Faithful God, we thank you for the opportunity of being together in prayer. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do.

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

Service for 19th July : The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
2.30 pm	Paupers' Graves Service	Paupers' Graves Site, Onehouse
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Geoff Skinner and David Thorpe.
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=doep7y6JYxv0lIXsxROxnbezIda9ME.1>

Meeting ID: 470 378 1299 – Password: Benefice

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