

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 October 2025 : The Seventeenth 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

Forthcoming Events



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

13th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, at Harleston church

14th October – Deanery Synod, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Earl Stonham

15th October – Shelland PCC, 7.30pm at Woolpit

18th October – Autumn Walk, 11am setting off from Little Finborough

church, hot refreshments and drinks available

19th October – A Service of Healing and Wholeness, 3pm at Great Finborough church

23rd October – Great Finborough PCC, 7pm at Great Finborough church

27th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, at the Village Hall, Buxhall

2nd November – All Souls' service, 6pm at Great Finborough church

3rd November – Little Finborough PCC, 7.30pm at Combs Rectory

4th November – Onehouse PCC, 7.30pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

10th November – Buxhall PCC, 7.30pm at Combs Rectory

15th November – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, at the Village Hall, Buxhall

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **13th October 2025** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, if you need further information 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.

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

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 2 Timothy 2.8-15

Paul wrote "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 17.11-19 : Glory to you O Lord

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God

except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

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

Intercessions

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of friends and loved ones before Him. And so, loving our neighbours as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

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

Almighty God, at a time when many question the relevance of the Church, assist us to be witnesses in, and to, the world and, through our witness, strengthen the presence of Christ in our church. Make us a welcoming body of Christ here at the Combs and Finborough benefice and help us to be recognised as people of God.

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

Creator God, drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, and restore our passion for what is good and right. Establish your just and gentle rule throughout the world especially where there is conflict; where peace seems so far away and so many have lost everything, even the faint hope of a peaceful future.

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

Father God, we pray for our own local communities, confessing our own failings and lack of compassion and love. Help us see the good in each other, without bearing grudges and forgiving all grievances. Help us not to define ourselves by what we do for you, but by what you have done for us. Show us how we can show your love to others.

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

Loving God, heal those who are sick and strengthen those who are weak, help them sense the love that you give to each and every one of us. We pray especially at this time for all on our benefice prayer list. In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

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

Merciful God, as we remember those who have left us, keep happy thoughts with us, of the times we shared together when they were alive and a living, loving presence in our lives. We pray for all who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

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

Faithful God, in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our communities; so that the world can see that we are followers of Christ and children of the most High God, and draw others into his loving care.

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

Services on 19th October: The Feast of Luke the Evangelist

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00pm	Healing & Wholeness Service	Great Finborough
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong with Buxhall Choir	Little Finborough

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Audrey Goodwin, Anita Burrows, June Sheldrake and Lorraine Vale. 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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