

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

13th July 2025 : The Fourth 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

Demonstration of Sacred Circle Dancing

Onehouse circle dancers will be dancing sacred dances in Shelland church on Tuesday, 29th July from 2pm to 3pm. You are most welcome to come and observe this spiritually reflective form of dance to inspiring music.

Quiet Day – Saturday, 9th August 2025

We will be holding a benefice quiet day on Saturday, 9th August in Stowupland. The theme for the quiet day will be the story of the Road to Emmaus. 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

14th July – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, The Green, Harleston

16th July – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Finborough Court, Great Finborough

16th July – Great Finborough PCC, 7pm, St Andrew's, Great Finborough

19th July – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

20th July – Paupers' Graves Thanksgiving Service, 2.30pm, Paupers' Graves site, Onehouse, please bring a chair

27th July – Healing and Wholeness Service, 3pm, St Mary's, Combs

2nd August – Buxhall & Shelland Fete, 11am to 3pm, St Mary's, Buxhall

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **14th July 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.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 Colossians 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 10.25-37: Glory to you O Lord

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God, at the start of another week, we offer our lives to you; give us strength to carry out our work and duties faithfully; deepen our trust in you, and help us to build your kingdom, today and always.

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

Holy God, we pray for the churches in our local communities, our deanery and our diocese. We give you thanks for those who come up with fresh ways of making your name known to the wider community and for those who work so hard to make fellowship and fund-raising events so enjoyable and successful.

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

Creator God, we pray for our troubled world. Give wisdom to all world leaders to seek some way out of the sufferings of the Middle East. May they strive to seek for a deep and lasting peace which reconciles Muslim and Jew and Christian, peoples who share so much of the background to their faith.

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

Father God, we thank you for the communities of which we are part and ask you to guide us to be more aware of our neighbours' needs and ways in which we might help.

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

Gracious God, we pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital, for those who are experiencing extreme pain and for those anxiously awaiting a diagnosis, treatment, procedure or an operation.

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

Mighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the light of the World, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before You those who have died and pray that they are now experiencing that light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope and comfort to the bereaved.

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

Almighty God, receive these prayers, and transform us through them, that as we go from our worship today we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do on Your behalf.

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

Service on 20th July: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Service on the Green	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
2.30 pm	Service of Thanksgiving	Paupers' Graves Site, Onehouse
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 Peter Theobald. 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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