

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

15th March 2026 : The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday

Church Services Today:

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs Church Hall
3.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Service*

* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84498102004?pwd=ZEpNWk5EQnJJSFYrWlY5a3R2WUJOUT09> Meeting ID: 844 9810 2004 Passcode: 454033



Stowmarket Choral – Spring Concert

Celebrating 125 years of the Choral performing in the heart of Suffolk, there will be a Spring Concert featuring music from Brahms, Ethel Smyth, and Imogen Holst's 'A Hymne to Christ'. It will be held on **Saturday 28th March** at Stowmarket URC, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1AD, starting at 7pm and tickets cost £20 with under-19's gaining free admittance. Tickets are available from 07733 298621 or from the website www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk.

Forthcoming Events

21st March – Messy Church for Easter!, 10.30am to 12pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

25th March – Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Earl Stonham

28th March – Buxhall Lent Lunch, 12pm to 2pm at the Village Hall, Buxhall

28th March – Easter Egg Hunt, 10am to 12pm, Little Finborough Church, £3.50/hunter

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

11th April – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at the Village Hall, Buxhall

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

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **16th March 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, this is the link to join the service - Meeting ID: 845 3783 4344 Passcode: 916836

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84537834344?pwd=dmZRdXpkbXNpUk15aVNjdzMwdmg5dz09>

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 of Lent, Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his

sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 2.22-39 : Glory to you O Lord

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

Intercessions

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries, let us pray to our Father in heaven.

Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your Son Jesus was born into the family of Mary and Joseph. Bless all parents and all who care for children, strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God we thank you for the family of the Church. We pray that all may find in her, their true home and that the lonely, the marginalised, and the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations, for peace where there is conflict, for food where there is hunger, for freedom where there is oppression, for joy where there is pain, that your love may bring peace to all your children.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

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

Services for 22nd March: The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passiontide Begins

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Sybil Chaplin. 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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