

# 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

**17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 : 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### Church Services Today:

11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Pet Blessing Service	Harleston Green (bring your own chair!)
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting*

\* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84498102004?pwd=ZEpNWk5EQnJJSFYrWlY5a3R2>

WUJOUT09 Meeting ID: 844 9810 2004 Passcode: 454033

### Forthcoming Events

**17<sup>th</sup> August** – Pet Blessing Service, 3pm on Harleston Green (please bring a chair!)

**20<sup>th</sup> August** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Finborough Court, Great Finborough

**6<sup>th</sup> September** – Combs Harvest Supper, 7pm at Combs Church Hall, a bring and share meal, please bring food and drinks to share with everyone

**8<sup>th</sup> September** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green

**10<sup>th</sup> September** – Harleston PCC, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

**11<sup>th</sup> September** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

**13<sup>th</sup> September** – Messy Church for Harvest! 10.30am to 12.30pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse, places must be booked by emailing [revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com](mailto:revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com)

**13<sup>th</sup> September** – Ride and Stride! All our churches will be open from 9am to 5pm for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored walk or cycle

**20<sup>th</sup> September** – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Village Hall, Buxhall

### Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting is a special and will take place on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2025** from 11.30am to 1.30pm, places may be booked by contacting 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 <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](mailto:emooney6@sky.com).

### **Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Hebrews 11.29-12.2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

## **The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 12.49-56: Glory to you O Lord**

Jesus said 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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

### **Intercessions**

Gracious God, your Son encouraged us to be generous givers: may we so rejoice in your love that we give without counting the cost and work tirelessly to spread the Gospel message in all that we do and say.

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

Holy God, as you revealed yourself to the Jewish people through the prophets in ancient days; reveal yourself to our churches in this present age. Raise up new prophets and make us into a faithful people ready to believe your promises and follow you wherever you will lead us

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

Creator God, we pray today for the peace of our nations. May all places that suffer violence, injustice, war and terrorism find peace and reconciliation. We pray for the peoples of the world and that the leaders of the nations may uphold what is right and good, and especially at this time we pray for the people and leaders of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and Russia.

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

Father God, we pray for the young people in our families, churches and communities. May they grow up knowing love and hope, valuing life and respecting others. We pray for those who are waiting for the result of important exams or preparing to leave school and move on to the next stage in their lives. Give them courage and hope as they face changes in their lives and help them to see opportunities in all the challenges that stretch out before them.

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

Loving God, we pray for all those who have lost their way or have been led astray and for all who are living below their potential or their abilities. We raise before you all whose lives are unfulfilled and all those whose lives are restricted by illness; we remember the chronically ill, those in constant pain, the depressed and the despairing.

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

Almighty God, we remember before You those who have died and those who are bereaved by their passing. We give back to you, Lord, those whom you gave to us. Your son taught us that life is eternal and that love cannot die. So death is only a horizon, and a horizon is only the limit of our sight. Open our eyes to see more clearly, and draw us closer to you, so that we may know we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with you.

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

Faithful God, as we go from today's worship help us to see each individual we meet as uniquely made in Your image and worthy of our love and respect. Show Your love through our lives in some small way today and every day.

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

**Services on 24<sup>th</sup> August: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

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 Jason Spreadbury.**

**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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