

The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

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



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As we keep in touch, pray and support each other

18th January 2026 : The Second Sunday of Epiphany, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

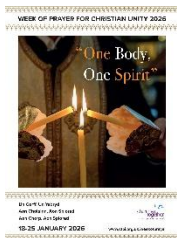
Church Services Today:

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=ZEpNWk5EQnJJSFYrWlY5a3R2>

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th to 25th January



This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th to 25th January and will be using Paul's Letter to the Ephesians as a resource. We will be holding a short act of worship and prayer vigil on **Monday 19th January, 10.30am** at The Rectory, Combs Ford. All are welcome to come along and if you would like a copy of the WPCU booklet which includes

pointers for prayer and reflection for each day of the Week of Prayer please get in contact with Revd Sarah at revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com

Forthcoming Events

- 22nd January** – Shelland PCC meeting, 7.30pm at New Farm Granary, Shelland
- 28th January** – Great Finborough PCC meeting, 7pm at Peter's, Great Finborough
- 2nd February** – Little Finborough PCC meeting, 7.30pm at Combs Rectory
- 3rd February** – Onehouse PCC meeting, 7.30pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse
- 9th February** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 1pm to 3pm at Harleston Church
- 12th February** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm at Combs Green, Combs
- 14th February** – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Village Hall, Buxhall

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will be a Bring and Buy and will take place on **19th January 2026** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, for 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. 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 Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 1.29-42 : Glory to you O Lord

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be

revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’, ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (translated as Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’.

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

Intercessions

Remembering that God knows and loves each of his children before they are born, let us pray for the needs of this world and for the coming of God’s kingdom. We pray For God’s church and for all those who have been called into ordained and lay ministry and equipped to be leaders, teachers and carers for God’s children.

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

We pray for this world in its brokenness and need. We pray for those who bear the responsibilities of government that they might hear and respond to God’s calling for peace and reconciliation, justice and freedom from oppression.

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

We pray for our own communities and especially for those who struggle to find meaning and purpose in their lives. We pray that we might all seek to become the people God means us to be, serving him in the people around us.

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

We pray for those in pain or distress and for all those who are called to alleviate suffering, to treat disease and to hold the Christ-light for all in darkness and sorrow.

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

We lift up in prayer those who are on their journey into eternal rest. Please bring them into your loving arms and grant them peace and rest. We also pray for those who are left behind, that they would find comfort and hope in your presence and the promise of eternal life.

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

Heavenly Father, you watch over your children with tender love and compassion. We thank you for hearing our prayers. We ask that you use them to enrich, strengthen

and bless both those for whom we have prayed and us that we might allow your will to be done in our lives.

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

Services for 25th January: The Third Sunday of Epiphany, Conversion of St Paul

9.30 am	Patronal Service Holy Communion	Shelland
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse Trinity Hall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Pauline Dade. 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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