

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

19th April 2026 : The Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 am

11.00 am

6.00 pm

Holy Communion

All Age Worship

Choral Evensong

Harleston

Combs

Little Finborough

Music & Scones

Shelland Church
Saturday 25th April
10.00am to 12.00pm

£7.50 Booking in advance recommended;
tickets available on the door
Contact: lisa.hicks@live.co.uk or 07881 787840

Barrel Organ demonstrations throughout the morning,
plus refreshments of 'scones as you like them'; a
selection of sweet and savoury scones plus tea/coffee



Shelland Church, The Green, Shelland,
Stowmarket. IP14 3JE



Forthcoming Events

21st April – Combs APCM/PCC, 6.30pm in Combs church

22nd April – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

22nd April – Great Finborough APCM/PCC, 7pm in Great Finborough church

25th April – Music and Scones, 10am to 12pm at Shelland church, see poster above for booking arrangements

25th/26th April – Harleston Plough Day at Harleston IP14 3JG, events taking place throughout each day from 10am, refreshments available

30th April – Shelland APCM/PCC, 7pm at Shelland church

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **27th April 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, the link to join this service can be found on the back page of this Pew Sheet.

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 Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts 2.14 and 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 24.13-35 : Glory to you O Lord

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God

and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Intercessions

Holy God, as we gather in fellowship and worship to hear your word, to sing your praise and to break bread in the presence of the Risen Christ, walk with us as individuals and as the Church of God on our Road to Emmaus. Open our eyes, as you did with Jesus’ companions, to the reality and truth of the resurrection.

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

Lord, our companion on the journey, let us not be so caught up in worldly cares that we forget you are with us everywhere. Your supporting presence guides us through the night so that we can approach you, the source of light. Though out in front, protect us with yourself: you’re our destination and the road itself.

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

Lord, help us to reach out to strangers in our midst, mindful that we are all embarked on the journey of life together. May we have the humility and openness to recognise the insight and blessing we derive from such human contact, even in the strangest or most mundane of circumstances. For some, being not forgetful to entertain strangers, have found that they have thereby entertained angels unawares.

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

Lord, we pray for all who suffer, whether their suffering may be physical or spiritual. May we stretch out a hand to our suffering Saviour, who feels not sentimentality but the sharp edge of love as he contemplates our world. And then, in a threefold circle of healing, may we too be ready to receive his blessing.

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

Lord, we pray for those who have gone ahead to that still place where flesh and spirit part, may they rest in your love and peace.

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

Faithful God, as we go from our worship today, out into your world, we thank you for walking alongside us wherever we travel and, if like those first disciples, we fail to be aware of you forgive us for our human weakness and open our eyes to see you as a constant companion and friend.

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

Services for 26th April: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Howard Verrier. 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>

Please use this link for all services held on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4703781299?pwd=doep7y6JYxv0lIXsxROxnbezlda9ME.1>

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