

# 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

**21 April 2024:** Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday

### Church Services Today

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

[\\*https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84498102004?pwd=ZEpNWk5EQnJJSFYrWlY5a3R2WUJOUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84498102004?pwd=ZEpNWk5EQnJJSFYrWlY5a3R2WUJOUT09)

Meeting ID: 844 9810 2004 Passcode: 454033

### Forthcoming Events

22<sup>nd</sup> April – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Buxhall Village Hall

26<sup>th</sup> April – Bangers and Mash English Evening, 6.30pm for 7pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse, tickets £12, available from Sylvia Emsden 01449 615592, bring your own drinks, tea and coffee provided, we look forward to seeing you there!

11<sup>th</sup> May – Onehouse Churchyard clear up, 9.30am to 12pm, please bring gardening gloves, tea and coffee will be available, all welcome!

11<sup>th</sup> May – Little Finborough Plant Sale, 10am to 2pm, Orchard House, Battisford IP14 2LZ, refreshments available, cash or card payments

11<sup>th</sup> May – Shelland Quiz, 7pm, £6.50 per person, Onehouse Community Centre, picnic style nibbles, bar available, contact Lisa on 07881 787840 or Martin on 07532 024655 to book tickets

### Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 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 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 4.5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

#### **The Holy Gospel is taken from John 10.11-18 : Glory to you O Lord**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

### **Intercessions**

Holy God, your Son remained with his disciples for forty days after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as friends and neighbours. We too are his disciples and we offer our

prayers on behalf of the church, the world in which we live and all those with whom we share it.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, the letter of John reminds us that “ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?” Help us across our churches to try to aspire to love with actions and truth and not merely with words or speech.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God we pray for all world leaders that, using Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd as the ultimate model of leadership, they would lead and care for their own flocks in such a way that peace might abound, righteousness flourish and injustice be eradicated.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, help us to reach out to strangers in our midst. As we remember the way the early Church lived in one heart and mind and shared everything they had may we too in our benefice be always mindful of the needs of others less fortunate and always welcome the newcomer joyfully into our midst.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God we pray for those who do not know your peace and for those who are struggling with their lives. We ask for your healing on those who are sick, your strength for those who are tired and your love for those who live with despair and fear.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for those who now walk in the valley of the shadow of death. We know that you are with them and have gone before them to prepare them a table overflowing with all good things. Guide those who are left behind in the paths of righteousness and uphold them in their sorrow with the assurance of your goodness and love.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, we ask that you would bless us with vision for the future and reverence for the past. Guide us each day as we minister to one another and to the world. Help us each day to bear witness to your name and to do your bidding, always mindful of your amazing love for us.

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

**Amen.**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

**Services on 28<sup>th</sup> April: The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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  
David Dickinson  
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/safeguarding>

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