

# 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

### 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 : Pentecost, Whit Sunday

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

### Forthcoming Events

**25<sup>th</sup> May** – Plant Sale at 8 Haughley Road, Harleston, 2pm to 4.30pm, jam and cream scones, tea/coffee

**26<sup>th</sup> May** – Harleston APCM/PCC, 6.30pm at Harleston Church

**8<sup>th</sup> June** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

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

**10<sup>th</sup> June** – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at The Rectory, Combs

**13<sup>th</sup> June** – Messy Church with Noah's Ark!, 10.30am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

**13<sup>th</sup> June** – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

**16<sup>th</sup> June** – Archdeacon's Visitation service, 7pm at St Mary's church, Bacton

**17<sup>th</sup> June** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Great Finborough church

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – One Man Comedy Show, Great Finborough - see poster above for details

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Deanery Synod, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Earl Stonham

### The Funeral of the Late Hazel Mann

Hazel's funeral will take place on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 2pm in St Peter and St Mary's church, Stowmarket. All are welcome.

### Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will be a special and will take place on **1<sup>st</sup> June 2026** from 11.30am to 1.30pm, to book a ticket 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](mailto:emooney6@sky.com).

## **Collect for Pentecost**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 2.1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with

new wine.’ 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

### **The Holy Gospel is taken from John 20.19-23 : Glory to you O Lord**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

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

### **Intercessions**

Mighty God, as we are gathered together here in hope and in faith, we ask you to minister to our needs. Send the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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

Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God we pray for your world and its peoples with all their needs, questions and longings. So often we struggle to understand the reasons behind acts of terrorism ; and yet we know that in the midst of such events your love is shown in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion which followed. We pray for all who suffer in

such dreadful circumstances and for those who are tasked with rescue, providing the medical and community support and, eventually, in the long task of reconstruction.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all those who are sick; guide them and strengthen them through their illness. We pray also for those who care for the sick, those engaged in the caring professions and for family members who look after loved ones and especially for children who care for parents.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, pray for all those who have died: give them a place at your banquet in heaven. May the Holy Spirit, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of your presence.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Everlasting God, on this Day of Pentecost, we rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Spirit. Send him again into our hearts, into our lives, and into our world.

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

### **Service for 31st May: The Feast of the Trinity**

10.00 am

Benefice Holy Communion

Great Finborough

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Hazel Mann and Margaret Boyce. 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>

Meeting ID: 470 378 1299 – Password: Benefice

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