

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

27th September 2026 : : The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Harvest Festival	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

World Mental Health Day

On **5th October** at **Meet up Monday** (see details below) we will be raising money for Suffolk Mind in aid of 'World Mental Health Day' which takes place on Saturday 10th October. At Combs Church Hall there will be a drop-in coffee morning from **11.15am - 12.30pm** for anyone who would like to come and donate to this worthy cause. If you're unable to attend but would like to donate please contact Revd Alison Lay on 01449 541794.

Forthcoming Events



8th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

8th October – Churchwardens meeting, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

10th October – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Buxhall Village Hall

12th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

12th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green, Harleston

12th October – Combs PCC meeting, 7pm at the Rectory, Combs

15th October – Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Earl Stonham

21st October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Pettiward Hall, Great Finborough

21st October – Great Finborough PCC meeting, 7pm at Great Finborough church

24th October – Shelland Church Afternoon tea, see poster above for booking details

26th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

26th October – Shelland PCC, 7.30pm at New Farm Granary, Shelland

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **5th October 2026** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794 for further details. All 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 21.23-32 : Glory to you O Lord

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Intercessions

Holy God you made our world to be like a vineyard and chose a people to be its tenants. May we who are now the workers in that vastly changed vineyard prove to be worthy of the work you trust us to do in Jesus' name.

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

Mighty God, we pray for our church; that Christ may be the cornerstone of all that we do in his name. May we, his living church be the solid blocks of a spiritual community which continues to hold fast in an ever secular world.

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

Creator God as we pray for our world we especially pray for all who have suffered the loss of all things for the sake of their faith in Jesus Christ. We raise before you organisations like the Barnabas Fund which aids Christians, living under persecution or in threatening environments, with finance and prayers. We join our prayers with them as we ask for courage and strength for all persecuted Christians, their communities and churches.

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

Father God, we thank you for the joy of human love, and for all those among whom we live and work. We pray particularly for loved ones who worry us with their health, or circumstances, or life direction. We pray for those among our friends and families who do not know you, or whose faith has been shaken.

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

Gracious God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus can free us from our burdens and heal our bodies and spirits. We pray for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world.

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

Merciful God, as we pray for all departed this life help us to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. May those who have shared his sufferings have become like him in his death, and through that suffering and sharing attained the resurrection from the dead.

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

Faithful God, as we move into the coming week to live and work for the Gospel, help us to travel onwards with our eyes on the goal, to that place where you are beckoning us, onward to Jesus.

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

Services for 4th October : The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Geoffrey Mitchell.
May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.**

On the evening of Sunday 27th September, St Mary's Church, Combs, will be illuminated in memory of the late Kenneth Beaumont of Combs.

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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