

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

28th April 2024: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Church Services Today

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

Come and Pray! - Prayer Course

We will be running a 5 week course for everyone who would like to know more about prayer and different ways of praying. The sessions will be held in Trinity Hall, Onehouse, between 10am and 12pm on these dates – 16th May, 23rd May, 6th June, 13th June and 20th June. Please note there is no session on 30th May. If you can't make all of the sessions that isn't a problem, refreshments will be served and if you'd like further details or to register your interest please email Revd Sarah revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com.

Forthcoming Events

9th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

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

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

11th 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

12th May – Your Village Church Needs You! Open meeting in church at 10.45am, to talk about the role the church plays in the life of the village community. All welcome, whether a church-goer or not, for a discussion about how we can make the best use of this wonderful resource

13th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm on Harleston Green

13th May – Little Finborough APCM, 7pm in church

16th May – Harleston APCM, 7pm in church

20th May – Great Finborough APCM, 7pm in church

21st May – Onehouse APCM, 7pm in Trinity Hall, Onehouse

22nd May – Ministry Team Meeting, 2pm in Trinity Hall, Onehouse

23rd May – Shelland APCM, 7pm in church

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting is a special and will take place on 13th May from 11.30am to 1.30pm, please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794 to book a place or 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.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 8.26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the

road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 15.1-8 : Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God, give us the courage of Philip who took the time to share his faith with a curious stranger and remind us of Jesus command to us to "make disciples of all".

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

Creator God, we pray for Your world and we long for the time when all the families of the nations will bow down before you and the poor will eat and be satisfied. We pray for world leaders who bear the heavy responsibility of providing for their populations, give them wisdom to know what is right and the courage to make right decisions.

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

Father God, help us to use our influence to bring peace, joy and fun into people's lives, instead of stirring up strife. We pray for the thousands of families who will be going on holiday this summer. May they enjoy themselves and each other and may their trips bring not only pleasure but restoration and healing into their lives.

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

Loving God, we bring to you the sufferings of those we hold dear; the struggle of those trying to cope with difficult housing; the pains of the sick both at home, in hospital or care homes; the loneliness of the elderly and the frail. In your great mercy bring them comfort, relief and reassurance that you are always with them in all their troubles.

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

Merciful God, Your son Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died and pray for all those who are going through the darkness of loss and bereavement. Father, we thank you for the promise

of eternal life and the hope of glory and commend to your everlasting love and care those who have died.

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

As we go out into the world to face another week help us as we seek to live out our lives according to your son Jesus Christ's example. Free us from the sins of the world that spoil our life so that our lives may be a living testament to your will for your world.

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 5th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rogation Sunday

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.
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
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