



Holy Week

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

29th March 2026 : Palm Sunday

9.30 am Procession from the Punch Bowl pub, Battisford to LF church
10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion at Little Finborough church

Monday 30th March: Holy Week

8.00 pm Compline Zoom Service*

Tuesday 31st March: Holy Week

8.00 pm Compline Zoom Service*

Wednesday 1st April: Holy Week

9.30 am Holy Communion Onehouse Trinity Hall
8.00 pm Compline Zoom Service*

Thursday 2nd April: Holy Week – Maundy Thursday

8.00 pm Said Holy Communion Buxhall

Friday 3rd April: Holy Week – Good Friday

10.30 am Walk of Witness Onehouse
2.00 pm The Hour before the Cross Harleston

Saturday 4th April: Holy Week – Holy Saturday

6.00 pm Easter Vigil Zoom Service*

* We are now using a single link for all Zoom services which can be found on the back page of this Pew Sheet

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St. Peter at Easter
DRAMA AT
HAUGHLEY CHURCH
EASTER SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL
4 O'CLOCK

SPRING FASHION SHOW
come & Join Style at Stow for some Fun - Fashion & Fizz on Wednesday 15th April 2026 from 7pm Onwards at St Andrews Church Great Finborough
Tickets £5.00 per person includes a complimentary drink on arrival
Tickets available from Style at Stow 01449 771315 15 17 Bury Street, Stowmarket and Sadie on 07766496612

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

HARLESTON PLOUGH DAY
25th & 26th APRIL 2026
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE HARLESTON CHURCH THATCH FUND
* PLOUGHING CONTESTS
* MODERN & VINTAGE MACHINERY
* WOMEN OF WARTIME Display
HARLESTON, STOWMARKET • IP14 3JG
Refreshments Available

Forthcoming Events

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

11th April – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at the Village Hall, Buxhall

13th April – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

13th April – Rural Coffee Caravan, 1pm to 3pm at Harleston Church

15th April – Fashion Show, 7pm at Great Finborough Church, tickets £5 including complimentary drink, tickets from Sadie 07766196612 or Style at Stow 01449 771315

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 **30th March 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 Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 2.5-11

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.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 21.1-11 : Glory to you O Lord

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately. This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

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

Intercessions

As we recall the extent of God’s love for us, let us pray.

Father, if we as the Church are truly to be the body of Christ, then let us stand at the foot of the cross and learn what it means to love and keep on loving, to serve and keep on serving.

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

If the world is ever to see real hope, then purify and transform our lives and stretch out our arms in loving forgiveness, with no exceptions and no small print, so that we shine as lights in the darkness.

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

If our work places, homes and communities are to display and respond to your values, then make us more fervent in prayer, more courageous in self-discipline and, above all, more loving in outreach.

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

If the terrible suffering of extreme poverty, injustice and oppression is to be addressed realistically, then take away our greed and complacency and our assumptions about appropriate living standards, of time, energy and resources.

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

Father, through the life-giving death of Jesus, may the dying turn to you and know your merciful love; may the grieving be comforted, and may we all one day share with those who have died the eternal joy of your heaven.

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

Father, such amazing love is hard to grasp and impossible to repay. In thankfulness for lives set free to live we offer you ourselves.

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

Services for 5th April: Easter Day

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion by Extension	Harleston
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse

**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 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=doep7y6JYxvOIIxSxROxnbezIda9ME.1>

Meeting ID: 470 378 1299 – Password: Benefice

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