

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

3rd August 2025 : The Feast of the Transfiguration

Church Services Today:

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

* Join Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 882 6049 3673 Passcode: 022305

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88260493673?pwd=dC9qbG5odVpyUktwcm56bGFxSlBqUT09>

Quiet Day – Saturday, 9th August 2025

We will be holding a benefice quiet day on Saturday, 9th August in Stowupland. The theme for the quiet day will be the story of the Road to Emmaus. The venue is Stowupland Church Hall with a start time of 10am for coffee, please bring a packed lunch with you and we anticipate the day finishing by around 3pm. There is no cost involved but donations would be welcomed. Places are limited so please email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com to book a place.



Forthcoming Events

4th August – Little Finborough PCC, 7.30pm, The Rectory, Combs Ford

5th August – Onehouse PCC, 7.30pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

9th August – Benefice Quiet Day, 10am to 3pm, Church Hall, Stowupland (see above)

10th August - Hymns & Pimm's, 3pm, St Mary's, Little Finborough, suggested donation of £5 for glasses of Pimm's

11th August – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green

11th August – Buxhall PCC, 7.30pm, St Mary's, Buxhall

13th August - Summer Picnic with children's activities, 11am to 1.30pm, St Mary's, Little Finborough. Please bring your own picnic, drinks will be available. Please bring chairs and/or rug if needed. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

14th August – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

20th August – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Finborough Court, Great Finborough

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **11th August 2025** 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 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 Feast of the Transfiguration

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; 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 2 Peter 1.16-19

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 9.28-36: Glory to you O Lord

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter

and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God, we join together in praying to you for the needs the church, the world, our communities and ourselves, trusting in your love which reaches out from before the foundation of the world.

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

Holy God, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and join your rejoicing. Guard the Church against self-righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own, but keep always before us the rule of love.

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

Creator God, we pray for your world. Forgive us when we are ungrateful when spiritual blindness prevents us from appreciating the wonder of your creation and the endless cycle of nature. Forgive us for taking without giving; reaping without sowing. We pray for those caught up in wars and climate change, remembering especially at this time the people of Gaza and Ukraine.

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

Father God, we thank you for the love we share with our families and our friends. We recognise that they may have faults and they love us in spite of ours. Help us to be flexible and adaptable in all of our relationships and also capable of accepting constructive criticism.

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

Loving God and Lord of life, we pray for the gift of courage to face up to and cope with illness. We pray for it for ourselves, and for those who we name before you in our hearts. We thank you for those who through their courage have come through illness and for those facing the reality that there is little light at the end of their earthly tunnel.

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

Gracious God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of immortality for the children of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity.

We especially pray for any we know who have recently died and are on that journey to you.

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

Faithful God, we thank you for the opportunity of being together in prayer. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do.

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

Services on 11th August: The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Hymns and Pimm's	Little Finborough

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Rosemary Gascoine and Jason Spreadbury.
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>

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