

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 May 2026 : The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

* The link for our Zoom services can be found on the back page of this pew sheet



Forthcoming Events

9th May – Little Finborough Plant Sale, 10am to 2pm, Orchard House, Battsford IP14 2LZ

9th May – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Buxhall Village Hall

11th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 2pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

11th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 1pm to 3pm, Harleston Church

12th May – Onehouse APCM/PCC, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

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

18th May – Buxhall APCM/PCC, 7pm at Buxhall Church

19th May – Little Finborough APCM/PCC, 7pm at Little Finborough Church

20th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Great Finborough Church

26th May – Harleston APCM/PCC, 6.30pm at Harleston Church

Mission Direct to Lusaka, Zambia

A message from Liz Beale at Harleston:

As many of you know I have been going to Africa for the last 3 years with Mission Direct on charity building projects. Whilst I am self-funding my participation in a project to build educational and sanitary facilities at an orphanage in Lusaka, funds are desperately needed for building materials. If anyone feels able, I would very much appreciate donations to my JustGiving page to fund the building materials we require:

JustGiving page link:- [https://www.justgiving.com/page/liz-beale-](https://www.justgiving.com/page/liz-beale-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

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Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **11th May 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 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 7.55-end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 14.1-14 : Glory to you O Lord

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's

house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Intercessions

Risen and reigning Lord, assure our troubled hearts that you have gone to prepare a place for us, so that where you are, we may be also. You alone are the way, the truth, and the life by whom the Father comes to us, so that through you, we have seen him and know him.

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

Risen and reigning Lord, how often are we like Thomas questioning your son Jesus whilst thinking that we're on our own to work things out. Help us to listen to your promises, to receive your assurances, to let you remove troubles from our hearts and may we always remember your constant presence with us.

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

Risen and reigning Lord, we pray for those people of the world featured in the news: the victims of accident, war, disease, violence, greed and natural disasters. We pray for hope and we pray for peace in Ukraine, The Middle East and Sudan and all other countries torn apart by senseless violence.

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

Risen and reigning Lord, we pray for family and colleagues, for friends, neighbours and strangers; for those with whom we break bread at home, at work, in the community, and in our church; for all who grow, harvest and prepare the food we eat and for those who cook it and serve it.

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

Risen and reigning Lord, whose touch alone could heal the sick, hear our prayers for your servants who are ill as we ask for your help and mercy to restore them to health.

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

Risen and reigning Lord, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us until we are reunited once more in that family house which is your heavenly kingdom.

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

Risen and reigning Lord, we thank you for showing us the Way, in human terms that we find easier to understand and which helps us to recognise all the wonderful things in your world for which we should be grateful

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

Services for 10th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| 9.30 am | Morning Worship | Shelland |
| 9.30 am | Holy Communion | Buxhall |
| 11.00 am | Holy Communion | Great Finborough |
| 11.00 am | The George Ward Service | Onehouse |

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Cheryl Phillipson. 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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