

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

30th August 2026 : The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am

Benefice Holy Communion

Combs

****Morning Prayer on Saturday 5th September 2026****

Please note there won't be a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Saturday 5th September due to the Quiet Day taking place. The Service will resume on Saturday 12th September.

Quiet Day

Our benefice quiet day will be held on Saturday, 5th September, led by Revd Canon Mark Haworth, Cathedral Chaplain, on the theme of pilgrimage, at Stowupland Church Hall. Starting at 10am for coffee, please bring a packed lunch with you and we hope to finish around 3.30pm. There is no cost involved but donations would be welcomed. Places are limited so please email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com to book a place.

Ride and Stride – 12th September 2026

Cyclists, walkers, vintage and classic car owners and even horse-riders, can start to plan their route for Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride and Pedal and Drive day, which will be held on **Saturday 12th September**. Details of how to get involved are now in churches and on this website [Ride and Stride – Suffolk Historic Churches Trust](https://www.suffolkchurches.org.uk/ride-and-stride). All of our churches will be open from 9am to 5pm and if you would like to be involved by riding and striding for sponsorship (half of the money raised comes back to our churches) or welcoming people to our churches please email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com.

Forthcoming Events



2nd September – Harleston PCC meeting, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

3rd September – Installation of Revd Toby Tate as Vicar at Stowmarket church, 7.30pm

5th September – Quiet Day, 10am to 3.30pm at Stowupland Church Hall (details on poster)

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

12th September – Messy Church for Harvest! 10.30am to 12pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse. Crafts, stories, food and a real tractor to celebrate the harvest! Places

must be booked by emailing Revd Sarah revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com

12th September – Ride and Stride, 9am to 5pm at all churches in the benefice, details above

14th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

14th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green, Harleston

16th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Great Finborough Church

19th September – Ploughman's Lunches and Afternoon Tea at Little Finborough church, 12.30pm to 4pm and the church will be open from 8am to 7pm to view the church decorated for the Harvest Festival

25th September – Onehouse Harvest Supper, 6.00 for 6.30pm, tickets are £15, with Chicken and Ham Pie/Salmon/Vegetarian alternative, plus a selection of salads and a variety of desserts. Please email Sylvia Emsden for tickets theemsdens@hotmail.com.

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will be a special and take place on **7th September 2026** from 11.30am to 1.30pm, please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794 to book a ticket.

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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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 Romans 12.9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless

those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 16.21-end: Glory to you O Lord

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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

Intercessions

Let us pray together to our loving God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is among us now as our brother and friend.

We pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ who together form his Body in the world. We pray for forgiveness and healing where there is division and hurt and we ask God to show us the way to be reconciled with those we distrust or dislike.

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

We pray for all peoples and nations caught up in conflict, unable or unwilling to seek peaceful ways to live together in God's world. We pray for humility and honesty among those in authority so that they seek reconciliation and an end to disharmony.

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

We pray for the communities and families around us. We pray that wherever there is bullying, oppression, abuse or neglect there will be those who also show God's loving gentleness towards both the cruel and their victims.

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

We pray for all who are suffering pain of body, mind or spirit asking God to be alongside them, and those who care for them, offering love, strength and peace.

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

We pray for all who have died and for those who mourn their loss. May they be aware of your loving presence in these times of sadness.

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

Loving God we thank you for your assurance that you hear our prayers and work only for good in the lives of those for whom we pray. Help us to trust in your love and to be willing to play our part in your work to bring peace and reconciliation wherever there is conflict and division.

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

Services for 6th September : The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom
9.30 am	Harvest Festival	Harleston
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Combs

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Tony Gooding. 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=doep7y6JYxvOllXsxROxnbezlda9ME.1>

Meeting ID: 470 378 1299 – Password: Benefice

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