

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

31st August 2025 : The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity **Church Service Today:**

10.00am

Benefice Holy Communion

Little Finborough

Messy Church for Harvest!



We will be holding our next Messy Church session on **Saturday, 13th September from 10.30am to 12.30pm** at Trinity Hall in Onehouse.

The focus will be on the harvest and all ages are welcome, there will be harvest-themed crafts, a Bible story and probably a song! And to finish there will be a picnic-style lunch. Places must be booked in advance by emailing revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com and children will need to be accompanied by a parent/carers.

Fundraiser for the Re-thatch of Harleston Church

Harleston are holding a grand raffle on **Saturday, 6th September** at 8 Haughley Road, Harleston, to help raise money for re-thatching their church. There are a number of generously donated prizes including a ticket for up to four people for any performance at any of the Sadlers Wells theatres and a winter weekend break at a cottage in North Norfolk, as well as many smaller prizes. If you would like to be in with a chance to win a prize, please contact Ursula Muskett, 01449 737845 or Hilary Gibbs 01449 737010. Tickets just £1 an entry.

Forthcoming Events

6th September – Combs Harvest Supper, 7pm at Combs Church Hall, a bring and share meal, please bring food and drinks to share with everyone

8th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green

10th September – Harleston PCC, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

11th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

13th September – Messy Church for Harvest! 10.30am to 12.30pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse, places must be booked by emailing revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com

13th September – Ride and Stride! All our churches will be open from 9am to 5pm for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored walk or cycle

14th September - Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share Lunch, 11am, please bring food to share with everyone, St Andrew's church, Great Finborough

17th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Finborough Court, Great Finborough

19th September - Onehouse 'Fun Quiz', 7.30pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse. All proceeds to the refurbishment of Trinity Hall, tickets £7.50 to include a Ploughman's Supper – BYO bottle. Tickets from Andrew 07887 788473/Ian 01449 15815/Christine 01359 240875

20th September – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Village Hall, Buxhall

26th September – Onehouse Harvest Supper, 6pm for 6.30pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse. Meal consists of two courses plus tea or coffee and bring your own drinks. Tickets from Sylvia (01449 615592) will be £15, £3 for children or a family ticket is £35

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting is a special and will take place on **1st September 2025** from 11.30am to 1.30pm, places may be booked by contacting 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.

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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as

though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 14.1, 7-14 : Glory to you O Lord

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

Intercessions

Friends in Christ, God, invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbours as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

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

Almighty God, we pray for your church here in Little Finborough and for our benefice. We ask for your blessing on our work as we seek to create church communities that welcome the stranger, provide a refuge for those who feel threatened or alone and places where everyone feels that they belong.

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

Father in heaven, we pray for people of every race and belief, and in every kind of need: make your ways known on earth, your saving power among nations. We pray especially for peace between Russia and Ukraine, and Israel and Gaza.

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

Father God, forgive us for careless, thoughtless, and angry words used against our family, friends and neighbours. Let our words always bless you and others and may our actions speak of love for you and your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to see each individual as uniquely made in your image and worthy of our love and respect. Show your love through our lives in some small way today.

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

Gracious God, we pray for all who suffer, whether their suffering is physical or spiritual. And we ask you to support all who give their strength, their skill and their stamina in a ministry of healing.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those who have gone before us to that place where flesh and spirit part. May they rest in your love and peace. We hold before you all who are mourning the loss of loved ones, may they too be comforted by your presence.

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

Mighty God, grant that the words we have heard during our time of worship may be grafted onto our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruits of a good life, in praise and honour of your Holy Name.

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

Services on 7th September : The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Combs

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Eddie Smith and Jill Gladwell.
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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