

The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

Buxhall, Combs, Gt and Lt Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland



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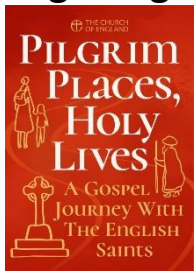
As we keep in touch, pray and support each other

5th July 2026 : The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom*
9.30 am	Service on the Green	Harleston Green
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs
3.00 pm	Hymns and Pimm's	Great Finborough

* The Zoom link for this service can be found on the final page of this pewsheet

Pilgrimage Short Course and Quiet Day



We will be holding a short course using this resource, 'Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives'. Through eight places of spiritual awakening and the saints associated with them, we will be exploring the ancient practice of pilgrimage. From Durham to Canterbury, it will help you reflect on what it means to live as a pilgrim on a purposeful journey through life. The course will take place at the Rectory in Combs Ford, at 10am on the 23rd

July, 30th July, 6th August and 13th August. If you would like to book a place please let Revd Sarah know. Following on from the course we will be holding a benefice quiet day on Saturday, 5th September in Stowupland. The day will be led by Revd Canon Mark Haworth, Cathedral Chaplain, on the theme of pilgrimage. 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.

Hymns & Pimm's



£5 minimum contribution (includes refills)
Sunday, 5th July 2026: 3.00pm
St Andrew's Church, Great Finborough
.... a superb way to spend a Sunday afternoon!!

***All welcome - regardless of age/singing voice
***Hymn books, musical accompaniment, Pimm's...
...(or non-alcoholic alternative) & nibbles provided

Please email your favourite hymn suggestions and the reason why (optional) in advance to Sarah Jenkins, our Rector:
revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com

Strawberry Fayre

Saturday, 11th July 2026,
2pm to 4pm
Rectory garden,
135 Poplar Hill, Combs Ford



Strawberry cream teas, cakes,
raffle, tombola, games,
plant and book sale

Entertainment throughout the afternoon
from musical duo 'Jane and Jill'

Proceeds for St. Mary's Church, Combs

Forthcoming Events

5th July – Hymns and Pimm's, 3pm at Great Finborough church, come and listen to a selection of favourite hymns chosen by members of our community, accompanied by the choir from Combs church and washed down with glasses of Pimm's for donations going to St Andrew's Church

9th July – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm,

Combs Green, Combs

11th July – Strawberry Fayre, 2pm to 4pm, The Rectory garden, Combs Ford, cream teas, games, tombola, raffle and plant sale, all welcome!

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

13th July – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green, Harleston

14th July – Combs PCC Meeting, 7pm at St Mary's church, Combs

15th July – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, St Andrew's church, Great Finborough

15th July – Great Finborough PCC Meeting, 7pm at St Andrew's church, Great Finborough

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **13th July 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 after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Romans 7.15-25

Paul said "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close

at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.”

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end : Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said ‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God, we bring our prayers to you, Lord of all nations, asking that your blessing of love and peace may be known to all people everywhere. Help us to bear abundant fruit from the seeds of potential that you have planted within us.

*Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer***

Holy God, we pray for your church, especially for the people you have called to be prophets and teachers in our generation. We pray that they will be strengthened and protected by the Holy Spirit and that through them your Church will reveal the good news of salvation and draw all people together under your rule of justice and mercy.

*Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer***

Creator God, we are your chosen stewards of this beautiful world; you provide us with seed and soil to sow them in but sometimes we abuse this privilege and so we look to you for forgiveness for the damage we have done to this earth and pray that you would show us ways of healing the wounds that we have inflicted on the land, ourselves and on each other.

*Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer***

Father God, we pray that in our communities all will be welcome and accepted regardless of nationality, colour, gender or status and that we will seek always to

serve you and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in one another.

*Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer***

Gracious God, we raise before you all those who seek healing of body, mind or spirit asking that they will sense the touch of your loving embrace and feel your peace and presence alongside them, each and every step of their journey towards healing and wholeness.

*Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer***

Loving God, we remember before you all those who have died. May they see your salvation and find their peace and final rest in you and we especially pray for those who were a formative part of our lives, who made us who we are and who we still miss.

*Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer***

Faithful God, we offer you these prayers for ourselves and for others. We ask you to accept them and to use them, and us so that your will may be done on earth and more of your kingdom revealed to those who seek you.

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

Service for 12th July : The Sixth 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

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Geoff Skinner. 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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