

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

5th October 2025 : The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Church Services Today:

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Meeting*
9.30 am	Morning Worship	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>

Forthcoming Events



7th October – Combs PCC, 7pm at Combs Rectory

8th October – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

11th October – Onehouse churchyard clear up and gift day, 9am to 12pm, Onehouse churchyard, for further details please contact Andrew Sykes on 01449 675834

11th October – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Village Hall, Buxhall

11th October – Shelland Fun Quiz!, 7pm for 7.15pm, teams of up to 6, £6.50 per person, bring your own drinks, desserts and coffee provided, Trinity Hall, Onehouse. Tickets from Lisa on 07881 787840 or Martin on 07532 024655

14th October – Deanery Synod, 7pm for 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Earl Stonham

15th October – Shelland PCC, 7.30pm at Woolpit

18th October – Autumn Walk, 11am setting off from Little Finborough church, hot refreshments and drinks available

19th October – A Service of Healing and Wholeness, 3pm at Great Finborough church

23rd October – Great Finborough PCC, 7pm at Great Finborough church

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **13th October 2025** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, if you need further information 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.

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

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 2 Timothy 1.1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 17.5-10 : Glory to you O Lord

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

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

Intercessions

Almighty God, in the noise and confusion of life, we pray for peace in our hearts. In these few moments of stillness we bring before you our prayers, asking for help and guidance as we journey through our earthly life and giving thanks and praise for our many blessings.

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

Holy God, we pray for your Church today, gathering all round the world in tiny churches and great cathedrals, to praise you, to hear your holy word, and to meet you in bread and wine. Give us a sense of expectation as we come and inspiration as we go. Help us to put our differences behind us and unite instead behind the great commission of Jesus, to make disciples of all nations.

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

Creator God, we pray for peace in the world; that every nation may seek the way that leads to peace; that human rights and freedoms may everywhere be respected and the world's resources be ungrudgingly shared. At this harvest time we acknowledge that all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above. Help us to receive them gratefully, to use them wisely and to share them unselfishly as good stewards of your bounty.

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

Father God, we pray for ourselves. Give us this day, the eye that is willing to see the meaning of the ordinary, the familiar, the commonplace; to see our own faults for what they are; to see the likeable qualities in those we may not like; to recognise the mistakes in what we thought was correct; to understand the strength in what we labelled as weakness. Help us to entrust the past to your mercy, the present to your love and the future to your wisdom.

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

Gracious God, we raise before you all who are sick or dying; all who are suffering or in sorrow and we remember those known personally to us in need of your loving embrace. In your goodness and mercy, grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

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

Loving God, into your hands we commit those who have run the race and kept the faith, even if that faith was known only to you and now have gone to their reward. May your light shine on them for ever and our lives be richer because of their memory.

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

Faithful God, who in your wisdom has so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight. Grant us such faith in you that amidst all things that pass our understanding, we may believe in your fatherly care, and ever be strengthened by the assurance that underneath are the everlasting arms.

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

Services on 12th October: The Seventeenth 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 Audrey Goodwin, Anita Burrows, Anthony Nightingale and Sybil Sheldrake. 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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