

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

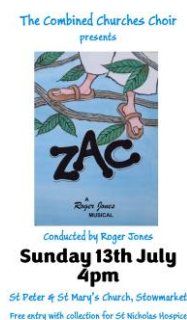
6th July 2025 : The Third Sunday after Trinity

Church Services Today:

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs

* There will be no Spiritual Communion on Zoom as we have two face to face Holy Communion services today

The Combined Churches Choir



The Combined Churches Choir are performing 'Zac', based on the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector, in Luke's Gospel on Sunday 13th July, 4pm, at St Peter and St Mary's church in Stowmarket. The performance will be conducted by Roger Jones, the composer, and entry is free with a collection going to St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds.

Forthcoming Events

9th July – Shelland PCC, 7.30pm, King Charles the Martyr, Shelland

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

12th July – Strawberry Fayre, 2pm to 4.30pm, The Rectory garden, Combs, strawberries and cream, games, tombola, cream teas, raffle and plant sale, all welcome!

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

16th July – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Finborough Court, Great Finborough

16th July – Great Finborough PCC, 7pm, St Andrew's, Great Finborough

19th July – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

20th July – Paupers' Graves Thanksgiving Service, 2.30pm, Paupers' Graves site, Onehouse, please bring a chair

27th July – Healing and Wholeness Service, 3pm, St Mary's, Combs

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **14th July 2025** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794 if you require further details. 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 Third Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 Old Testament reading is taken from 2 Kings 5.1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all

the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 10.1-11 and 16-20: Glory to you O Lord

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” ‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’ The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God, we make our prayers now for all people, everywhere, both close to us and far away.

Holy God, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent and join your rejoicing. Guard the Church against self-righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own, but always keep before us the rule of love.

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

Creator God, we thank you for people who have risked and sacrificed much to provide us with all the benefits and comforts of our modern life. Help us to encourage our

young people to follow their examples and to build on their legacies so that future generations may enjoy continued progress but with constant thought for our responsible stewardship your creation.

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

Father God, we thank you for our families and friends and for the communities both church and secular that we belong to. We ask that you help us with our relationships, help us make our strong ones to be stronger, our broken ones to be healed and our new ones to continue growing.

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

Gracious God, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them. We pray for the sick; for those who mourn; for those without faith, hope or love. We especially pray for everyone on our benefice prayer list.

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

Mighty God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died and those bereaved by their passing.

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

Almighty God, we pray for ourselves; as we go from your house today to start the week ahead, we ask that in all we do, we may walk more closely with you at our side safe in the knowledge that your fatherly love and care knows no bounds.

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

Service on 13th July: The Fourth 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 Peter Theobald. 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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