

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 September 2026 : 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 use the Zoom link on the last page of the pew sheet to join this service

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](#). 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.

Bring and Share Lunches for Harvest

We will be holding two Bring and Share lunches to celebrate the harvest, the first is following the 11am Harvest Festival at St Mary's, Combs on Sunday 6th September and the second is following the 11am Harvest Festival at St Andrew's, Great Finborough on the 13th September. All are welcome to stay on after these services and bring items to enjoy a shared lunch.

Forthcoming Events



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

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

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Romans 13.8-end

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery

and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 18.15-20: Glory to you O Lord

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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

Intercessions

Father just as you entrusted Peter with the keys of the kingdom, we pray for our church leaders today. Grant them wisdom, humility and courage to shepherd your people with love and compassion. Bless them with the ability to discern your will and lead your people closer to you.

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

We pray for unity in your Church today. Help us recognize the importance of working together, respecting each other's gifts and differences. May we be bound by the common faith that you entrusted to us. Guide us to use the keys of love, humility, and forgiveness to unlock the doors of understanding and fellowship and through our unity, may your light shine brightly in the world.

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

Father you created us in your image, and you desire that we live in harmony with one another. We pray for unity among the nations, that the barriers of hatred, prejudice, and fear may be dismantled. Help us to see one another as your beloved children, regardless of our differences. May our shared humanity bind us together and inspire us to work towards a world where justice and equality prevail. Grant us the wisdom to bridge divides and build bridges of understanding.

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

In a world scarred by conflicts and misunderstandings, we pray for the gift of reconciliation. Heal the wounds of hatred and resentment that keep nations and individuals apart. Strengthen leaders and peacemakers who work tirelessly for understanding and dialogue. May the power of forgiveness and compassion transform hearts and lead to lasting reconciliation. We entrust to you all broken relationships and ask for your divine intervention in mending them.

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

Heavenly Father, you are our refuge and strength in times of trouble. We pray for those who are sick and suffering, that you would wrap them in your arms of comfort. Ease their pain and grant them peace, let them feel your loving presence and know that you are walking beside them through this journey. May they find solace in your promises and place their trust in you.

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

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died and light a candle to symbolise the light and love of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope. You turn our darkness into light, in your light shall we see light.

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

As we conclude our prayers and as we step into the week ahead, may your presence go before us and guide our every step. Keep us grounded in your love and focused on your purposes.

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

Services for 13th September : The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Patronal Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Great Finborough

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including David Stokes. 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>

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