

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

7th July 2024: Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Church Services Today

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom*
9.30 am	Service on the Green	Harleston Green (bring a chair!)
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs

* Join Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 882 6049 3673 Passcode: 022305

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88260493673?pwd=dC9qbG5odVpyUktwcm56bGFxSIBqUT09>

Vacancy in See

With Bishop Martin's retirement planned for the end of February 2025, a discernment process is underway to find the next Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The Vacancy in See Committee is in the process of producing a Statement of Needs, which outlines the strengths of the Diocese, the challenges facing it and the qualities the committee believes the new bishop will need. As part of this process they will be holding a public consultation meeting to hear your views on Wednesday 17 July from 7.00pm to 9.00pm on Zoom. This is how to register your request to join the Zoom meeting <https://us06.web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsdO2hrT0uHNTieNCrE45kx2bR8X47NqCE#/registration>

Forthcoming Events

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

10th July – Harleston PCC, 7pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

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

13th July – Stroll and Salad at Shelland Church, 11am for the Stroll, 12.15pm for the Salad!

Tickets £8.50, please book places for lunch with Lisa on 07881 787840

16th July – Onehouse PCC, 7.30pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

17th July – Shelland PCC, 7.30pm, Shelland Church

19th July – Dedication of Paupers' Graves Memorial, 10.30am, Paupers' Graves, Onehouse

20th July – Strawberry Fayre, 2pm to 4.30pm Combs Rectory, Poplar Hill, Combs Ford

22nd July – Little Finborough PCC, 7.30pm, Little Finborough Church

24th July – Great Finborough PCC, 7pm, Great Finborough Church

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on 22nd July 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>

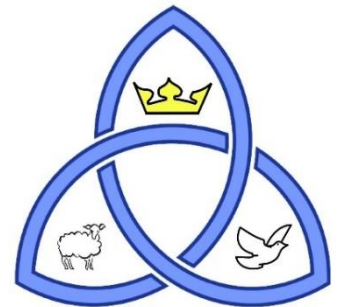
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Prayer Group

Now that we have completed our 5 week Prayer Course, if you are interested in meeting monthly as a group to pray together please contact Elizabeth Mooney, details below. We also 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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Samuel 5.1-5,9-10

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Mark 6.1-13

Jesus left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of

Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’ So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers which we offer in his name and by the power of your Holy Spirit working among us that we might tell “Speak the Truth” and live the Gospel of Salvation as a living example for all mankind.

Holy God we pray for your Church and for our Bishops, Martin and Mike. We pray that they will be strengthened and protected by the Holy Spirit in all they do and say. We pray for the work of The General Synod of the Church of England meeting in Edinburgh this weekend.

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

Creator God we pray for the leaders of the world carrying responsibilities for the lives of their people especially at this time of multiple elections. We pray for all victims of recent terrorism and for a new determination to end the spiral of violence which brings with it so much fear, heartache and suffering.

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

Loving God we pray for healing in body, mind and spirit for all who are in need. We pray that in lives darkened by any kind of pain, distress or grief the light of Christ will bring comfort, hope and a sense of your all-encompassing love.

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

Lord, 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**

And so Heavenly Father we thank you for the opportunity of being together in prayer. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do.

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

Amen.

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for those who fear for tomorrow, that

your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Services on 14th July: Seventh 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 Andrew Denny and Sylvia Green. 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/safeguarding>

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