

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 June 2026 : The First Sunday after Trinity

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



Forthcoming Events

8th June – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

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

10th June – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at The Rectory, Combs

13th June – Messy Church with Noah's Ark!, 10.30am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

13th June – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

14th June – Onehouse Patronal BBQ, from 12pm at 22 Forest Road, Onehouse. Tickets £15 to include BBQ meat, salads and puddings, please ring Sylvia on 01449 615592 to book tickets. Quiz, raffle and please bring your own drinks

16th June – Archdeacon's Visitation service, 7pm at St Mary's church, Bacton

17th June – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Great Finborough church

19th June – One Man Comedy Show, Great Finborough - see poster above for details

22nd June – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

23rd June – Deanery Synod, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Earl Stonham

The Funeral of the Late Hazel Mann

Hazel's funeral will take place on Monday, 8th June 2026 at 2pm in St Peter and St Mary's church, Stowmarket. All are welcome.

The Big Hike 2026 – Fundraising for Cancer Research UK

Martin Jewers, one of our church wardens from Shelland, and his wife Hannah are taking part in The Big Hike, walking 26 miles to raise money for Cancer Research UK which will help power progress for people affected by cancer. If you would like to donate please use this link <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/martins-big-hike-42>

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **15th June 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 First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 4.13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced

that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 9.9-13,18-26 : Glory to you O Lord

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

Intercessions

Almighty God we ask you to guide your people and to inspire us with the desire to put aside our differences as we seek to serve you. Help us to reach out as the Body of Christ to all who remain outside, especially those who feel unworthy or too sinful. Give us through your grace opportunities to invite them into our fellowship so that they may taste and see that the Lord is good.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we know that we are part of the problems that the world faces, and we know that wherever there is resentment between people there will be tension. We pray that those who lead us and the other nations of the world will always try to solve issues in a peaceful way and intervene in the world's conflicts with forethought and common sense.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God we pray for our children and young people as they move towards the end of another academic year. Be with those who are beginning important examinations at school and university and those starting new lives in the world of work. Help us, through our Christian life to create a society where both young and old, gifted and less able feel valued and proud to be a part of society.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for all those who are afflicted by physical, emotional or mental illness. Comfort all who care for the mentally ill. Be with them, we pray, through the lonely watches of the night and the narrow tunnel of their pain and grief. Help them to keep their eyes fixed on you, and give them the courage to face the trials and temptations that may come.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, your love reaches beyond the grave, we bring before you those whose earthly life is now at an end. Receive their souls into your kingdom, we pray, that redeemed by grace they may be forgiven for their sins, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

And so Heavenly Father wherever nature's beauty or the daily miracles around help us to see your hand at work we thank you for the grace to live and enjoy it to the full. Merciful Father, **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Services for 14th June : The Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Hazel Mann and Lilian Bailey. 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=doep7y6JYxvOIIxsxROxnbezlda9ME.1>

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