

The Finborough and Combs News Sheet

Combs with Gt and Lt Finborough, Buxhall, Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland

WELCOME as we keep in touch,
pray and support each other



26th April 2020 Easter 2

As a result of the COVID 19 Virus our services of worship and the use of our churches is suspended – but not our faith, our common life, our care for each other and our world.

Continuing Church I have organised **gatherings 'on Zoom' for each parish** over the next 10 days and a meeting of Churchwardens. If you have not received an invite to your own church gathering please let me know swiftly by e mail. I hope it will be good, encouraging and supportive for everyone.

Please make contact if you know of anyone in difficulty either materially emotionally or spiritually. We are seeing a wonderful outpouring of support and organisation. Thank you all.

There will be a service of **Holy Communion** on behalf of us all today at 11am. We can be with Pauline in Spirit by using the Readings below, your own Orders of Service and listening to the sermon and the music on the link shown on the e mail. You might like to wear something white/gold and light a candle. **Following Orthodox tradition**, you may wish to join us with a piece of bread as the 'Bread of Fellowship' given to those in their churches who do not receive the Sacrament. **Some of you might like to join in the prayers for Spiritual Communion available at**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/Guidance%20on%20Spiritual%20Communion%20and%20Coronavirus.pdf>

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually
in righteousness and 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 forever. Amen



Acts 2.14a,36-41 Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Gospel Luke 24.13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has

risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Intercessions *Wherever we are God is with us*

In joy and hope we pray.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.



That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection ...

That the leaders of the world will rise to the challenge of this virus and, putting aside differences, will concentrate on the welfare of all peoples we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated Christians and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ... and that we too in our isolation will find comfort and solace for each of the churches in this group according to need for our Bishop's Martin and Mike for our schools and teachers we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love ... and to do his work of care and sacrifice for the good of all we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, shelter ... we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war disease and famine may cease through all the world especially in these times ... we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying especially those who die alone to comfort and strengthen them That he may strengthen and protect all those who work in our caring professions, who keep us safe and resourced

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon
his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Coronavirus Liturgy and Prayer is at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer>

Jenny Straughier of Combs writes:-

There is a national initiative for **knitting bands** to help carers in homes and nurses to fasten more comfortably their PP Masks. They are simple to make: Knitted pattern is 4mm needles DK wool. Cast on 22 sts and knit 9 rows in garter (all plain cast off. Place a button the same size as the strip and sew in place.



Please phone me on 615956 If you haven't got buttons I have loads. I hope that those of us that cannot leave home would like to help our carers ears.

If you would like to contribute to the costs of buttons (which have to be a certain size) please speak to me. Thank you

Thank you to those who have been in touch with your church Treasurers, me and Pauline regarding your continued contributions to the church which is still here.

Please remember the families and loved ones of the following recently died and whose funerals are on

28th April Patricia Morley aged 79 (Combs) funeral at West Suffolk Crematorium

28th April Russell Friston aged 89 (Combs) funeral at West Suffolk Crematorium

4th May Jessie Killingback aged 93 St Andrews Gt Finborough

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>

This pew sheet is also now published on village websites including Combs Village by popular request!

<http://www.combvillage.org.uk/st-marys-church/pew-sheets/>

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All information to combsandfinboroughparishes@aol.com by
Monday for inclusion in the following Sunday's news sheet

If you would like this Pew Sheet e-mailed please ask!