

# 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



## 3rd May 2020 Easter 3

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 am organising **gatherings 'on Zoom' for each parish.** If you have not received an invite please let me know by e mail. I hope it will be good and supportive for everyone as we try to maintain our common life.

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.

There will be a service of **Holy Communion** on behalf of us all today at 11am. We can be together in Spirit by using the Readings below, your own Orders of Service and listening to the sermon and the music on the links 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

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen



## Acts 2.42-47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## The Holy Gospel John 10.1-10

10 "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

## Intercessions *Wherever we are God is with us*

Good Shepherd of the sheep, we pray for the Church  
especially at this time of separation  
for all congregations and particularly those of this group  
for all who continue to minister and for our bishops  
in their shepherding of the church in the world  
We pray for clear guidance and direction  
In those issues that disturb us  
asking that you lead us not in the easy way  
but in the right and good way

The Lord is My Shepherd:  
There is nothing I shall want

Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
We pray for the world we inhabit –  
the world we have inherited  
and will pass onto successive generations.  
Teach us to look after it wisely:  
to share its gifts more fairly



and work together to ease its sufferings.  
Turn the hearts by those who would do evil  
and encourage the timid to speak out  
for what is wholesome and good.  
Raise up men and women of good will and skill  
To bring this pandemic to an end  
acting in the name of all humanity  
not national or political advantage

The Lord is My Shepherd:  
There is nothing I shall want

Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
we pray for our friends and neighbours  
and the grace to do your will  
in those communities we serve  
to show what it means to care for others  
and to live lovingly even when it hurts us

The Lord is My Shepherd:  
There is nothing I shall want

Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
We pray for the weak and vulnerable  
especially those suffering alone or in fear for their loved ones  
for those who are suffering isolation  
those in hospitals and care homes  
for those in abusive relationships  
we pray for wholeness and healing

The Lord is My Shepherd:  
There is nothing I shall want

Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
We pray for those who have died,  
especially those known to us  
we pray for those who ache in sorrow at their departing  
and commend the departed to your unfailing care

The Lord is My Shepherd:  
There is nothing I shall want

Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

**Coronavirus Liturgy and Prayer is at** <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer>

## **Messy Church AT HOME.**

The activities we were planning for messy were.....



**Plant some seeds** – perhaps some in very dry soil, some in stony soil and others on good soil and see what happens  
Save Apple or Orange Pips, dry them out and plant.

**Write a Prayer** on leaf shaped paper and bring to the next Messy Church in Church so we can make a Prayer beanstalk

**Find a rock** in your garden or on a walk and draw or paint on it a heart showing your love of God

## **Round the parishes**

Jenny Straughier of Combs writes:- Thank you to all who are knitting the **Extenders** for the carers and the NHS. We have just delivered over eight hundred to local care homes and they have been greeted with deepest thanks. I originally dreamed of one thousand and we are getting close.....



Lisa Hicks of Shelland wonders if the below might be of interest – loads of **ideas** and everything is free. People of different abilities or interests may be able to benefit. <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course/the-skills-toolkit>

**The Rural Coffee caravan ladies write**...Patience wearing thin or enjoying the abundance of extra time at home?! Are you getting a little bit fed up or bored with the regular telephone conversations with family or friends? Nothing much to talk about, you've said it all before in previous conversations -well if you would like to talk to someone different, then give Elaine 07494 570 905 or myself Diana 07494 572 153 a call.

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

6th May Jessie Killingback aged 93 St Andrews Gt Finborough  
TBC Barbara Chatt (Combs)

### **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.combsvillage.org.uk/st-marys-church/pew-sheets/>

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Monday for inclusion in the following Sunday's news sheet  
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