

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



17th May 2020 6th of Easter - Rogation

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

Continuing Church. Thank you all who have been involved in the Zoom parish meetings – we have seen good numbers everywhere and thank you for the support your being there gives others. Look out for the invites – they are open to everyone in the parishes of course – we are the C of E!

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.

I hope many of you will join in the Zoom service of **Holy Communion at 10am**. If you have not received the link please let me know by e mail as soon as possible. You might like to 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>

Coronavirus Liturgy and Prayer is at

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

Our Youth and Children Ministry continues on line, the music and scheme of work is available to all

Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards 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 our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

New Testament Acts 17:22-31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor* he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God* and perhaps grope for him and find him— though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

The Holy Gospel John 14.15-21

15 'If you love me, you will keep* my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,* to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in* you. ¹⁸'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'



This is the Gospel of the Lord

Intercessions

Wherever we are God is with us
Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.
Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord
Let the earth be fruitful
And its resources be hallowed.
We ask in faith:



We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.
Prosper the works of our hands
especially those of medics/carers and scientists;
May all find dignity and just reward for their work;
Free the exploited and oppressed.
We ask in faith: **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

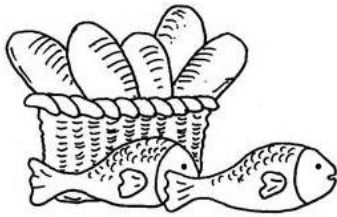
Upon the produce of the earth and those who provide it to us
send a blessing, O Lord.
Guide us into a sustainable future,
And give us the will to share the fruits of the world
We ask in faith: **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.
Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;
Where war brings want and children go hungry;
Where the poor cry out for bread and justice
Give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.
We ask in faith: **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Upon those who are lonely
distressed or in any way 'hemmed in' by life
Upon the sick dying and bereaved especially at this time
We ask you to hear us good Lord,
for the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen

This week is **Christian Aid Week**. It is unlikely that you will get an envelope through your door and we are not able to organise events so please do give your donations online. It's very easy to do via christianaid.org.uk or through justgiving.com/campaign/CAWeek2020 (open until 30th June 2020). Details from Stowmarket organiser Jane at janestretch@btinternet.com There is also a short video available from me if you ask. We are hoping to organise an Online Zoom Christian Aid Quiz so look out for details





Stowmarket Foodbank
Supporting individuals and families in crisis

Your donations are very gladly received at this time of considerable need either by being left at the Supermarket in the box provided or in the Box outside the Food Bank in the Community Centre Hillside Stowmarket between 9 and 1 each weekday. **URGENT NEEDS THIS WEEK** are 'flat' tinned fish, jams, tinned meat, part baked bread and jelly. **THANK YOU.**



Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?
We have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.
0800 804 8044

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND Faith in water life CONNECTIONS

Daily Quarantine Faith Questions

The Diocesan Spirituality Group has produced 'Daily Quarantine Faith Questions.' It provides a bible verse and a question to prompt some reflection. Please speak to me or Pauline if you would like further details

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.

Morning Prayer on Zoom – Wednesdays at 9.30am and Saturdays at 10am..

Bible Study on Zoom 4pm on Wednesdays. Please contact Chris for Log in details

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

21st May Annie Peddar aged 96 (Onehouse) West Suffolk Crematorium

26th May Sylvia Brown aged 93 (Stowmarket) (Gt Finborough)

27th May Leslie Dawson aged 96 (Buxhall)

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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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!