

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



21st June 2020 Second after Trinity

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

Continuing Church Our Parish Zooms are open to all residents and look out for the invites. Please pass them on to others.

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. It is possible to phone in as well. Please speak to me for details. 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.

Coronavirus Liturgy and Prayer is at

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

Youth and Children Ministry continues on line, music and activities are available

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

Bible Study on Zoom 4pm on Wednesdays – lead by Canon Pauline

Evening Reflective Service on U Tube periodically – lead by Rev Alison and Andy Little

Details of Zoom/U Tube links are sent to all for whom I have e mails.

Collect for today

Merciful Creator,
Whose mercy never fails;
Deepen our faithfulness to you
And to your living word.
Jesu Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Readings

Genesis 21:8-21 ⁸The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Holy Gospel Matthew 10.24-39 **Glory to You, O Lord**

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever
loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take
up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

Intercessions

Let us pray to our heavenly Father,
who is familiar with our world
and understands our humanity.
Lord of all, wherever Christians are persecuted
or ridiculed for their faith,
we ask your courage and inner strength;
whenever we are called to be your witnesses,
we ask for the grace to communicate your love.
Wherever love for you has grown cold
we ask to fan the flames again. *(silence)*



In Christ we can be dead to sin;
and alive to God

Lord, wherever the human spirit
is ground down by oppression,
and wherever our silence allows injustice
and corruption to flourish,
we ask for a deeper compassion and commitment.
We ask for our kingdoms to become your kingdoms,
and the desires of your hearts to be ours. *(Silence)*

In Christ we can be dead to sin;
and alive to God

Lord of all, wherever families are struggling to stay together,
and wherever there are ongoing arguments and family feuds,
we ask your anointing tranquility and harmony.
Wherever children are unwanted and unloved,
neglected or in danger, we ask your protection and help. *(Silence)*

In Christ we can be dead to sin;
and alive to God

Lord, wherever bodies, minds or spirits
are wracked with pain,
or too weak or exhausted to pray,
we ask the bathing love of your presence,
and the practical caring of hands working in your name.
Wherever there are doubts and the battle strong,
we ask your empowering and clear guidance. *(Silence)*

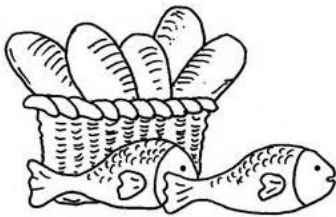
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Lord of all,
wherever the dying are anxious or afraid,
we ask for peace;
wherever the faithful have passed
from this life into eternity,
we commend them to your unchanging
and everlasting love. (*Silence*)

In Christ we can be dead to sin;
and alive to God

Wherever nature's beauty or the daily miracles around us
alert us to see your face, we thank you for the grace
to live this resurrection life.

Merciful father. Accept the prayers
**For the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen**



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. **Monetary donations may be made through kindlink which can be reached by their website: www.livingit.org.uk and Foodbank area! There is a red donate button.**



URGENT NEEDS THIS WEEK are Toilet Rolls, Tined Carrots and part baked bread . THANK YOU.

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

Michael Charles Gurr aged 88 Onehouse funeral 22nd June 2020,
Hilda Stockings Little Finborough aged 95

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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