

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



28th June 2020 John the Baptist (transferred)

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 as soon as possible. It is possible to phone in as well. 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

Almighty God, by whose providence
your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour
by preaching of repentance:
Lead us to repent according to his preaching
and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth,
boldly to rebuke vice and patiently to suffer for the truths sake;
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**



Readings

Old Testament Reading Isaiah Ch 40 verses 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Holy Gospel Luke Chapter 1 vs 57-66 and 80 **Glory to You, O Lord**

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." ⁶¹They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." ⁶²Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. ⁸⁰The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel

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

Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
Let us pray to the Father:



Lord God,
who promised Zachariah a son filled with the spirit and power of Elijah,
to prepare a people fit for the Lord:
we pray for reconciliation between all peoples.

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

Lord God, when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting
the baby leapt in her womb;
may she who believed your promise be blessed among women,
and may we proclaim with joy the good news of your Christ.

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

Lord God,
when your Son came to the Jordan and was baptised by John
he saw the heavens open and the Spirit descend as a dove;
may we who are Baptised into your Church
faithfully proclaim in the world the words of your beloved Son.

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

Lord God, who sent John to witness to the light,
to be the voice crying in the wilderness
and to prepare the way of the Lord:
comfort your people
and bring your healing to the sick and needy,
to the broken hearted and oppressed,
to prisoners and captives.

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

Lord God, John preached the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins
and suffered imprisonment and death for proclaiming your Law:
we remember all who have died in your service,
joining our prayers with John the Baptist and all the saints;
grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us**

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



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



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.

Rural Mission Sunday 19th July

Heaven in the Ordinary

We welcome

**Ven Sally Gaze Archdeacon of Rural Mission
as our preacher**



We would like to show pictures of actual Rural Mission during the Communion that day. Please e mail me with your pictures or ideas.

Messy Church Sunday 5th July

Continues and we are linking to the above theme and working on the story of Paul and Lydia from *Acts 16:12-17*

Combs and Gt Finborough Churches re expecting displays of work



Men's Breakfast

Coming again watch this space – it was successful and no piles of washing up!



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

Hilda Stockings Little Finborough aged 95

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

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<https://www.cofesuffolk.org/safeguarding>

This pew sheet is also now published on village websites including Combs Village by popular request!
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All information to combsandfinboroughparishes@aol.com by Monday for inclusion in the following Sunday's sheet