The Finborough and Combs News Sheet

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

WELCOME as we come together today

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

26th January 2020

Conversion of St Paul (transferred)

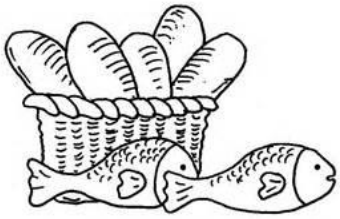
Acts 9.1-22
Psalms 67
Galatians 1.11-16
Matthew 19.27-30

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the Gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your 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 for ever.

Mon 27 Jan	9.15am **Parent and Toddler Group**, Trinity School – Jan Pearl 11-1pm **Meet Up Mondays** – Age Concern, Combs Ford – Rev Alison 7.30pm **Buxhall Choir**, St Mary's Church – Angela Pead
Tue 28 Jan	11.45am **Mid Day Prayer** at St Mary's Buxhall
Wed 29 Jan	9.30am **Holy Communion**, Trinity Hall, Onehouse followed by 10.30am-12.30pm **Community Coffee Morning** – All Welcome
Thur 30 Jan	4.30pm **Evening Prayer**, St Andrew's, Gt Finborough 7pm **Combs Choir**, West End Farm – Wendy Childs
Fri 31 Jan	7.30pm **Quiz Evening**, Trinity Hall. Tickets: Adults £6, Children £3 for children under 12yrs - includes a 'ploughmans' and a soft drink. BYO drink if you wish. Tickets available from Gloria 676198 or Andrew 675834, Liz 737780 or Christine at 'Tea Cups' in Woolpit. All proceeds to the Trinity Hall project.

Next week's Services: 2 February – Fourth Sunday of Ephiphany

Combs	Lt Finboro'	Gt Finboro'	Buxhall	Onehouse	Harleston	Shelland
10am **Messy Church** (Hall) 11am **Morning Worship** (church)	9am **Holy Communion**	3pm **Holy Communion - Healing & Wholeness**	9.30am **Sung Eucharist**	11am **Holy Communion**	*Sharing with Onehouse*	9.30am **Holy Communion Patronal**



Your donations are very gladly received in the churches at Combs,Gt Finborough, Buxhall and Shelland. *Current needs include:* Toothpaste, tinned vegetables, free from tinned products, hot chocolate, tea bags, toilet rolls and biscuits.

Stowmarket Foodbank
Supporting individuals and families in crisis

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Gluten Free

Wafers are available for communion – please speak to someone who welcomed you to church.

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Gift Aid

If you are a UK Tax Payer, please take advantage of our envelopes for your kind donation.

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Lent Soup Lunches

for Third world Charities - Look out for the details - no doubt the 'soup dragons' (!) in Combs, Gt Finborough (below), Buxhall and Onehouse are – doing what they do for them!

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Travelling to Church – if anyone has difficulties with transport – it can sometimes be arranged. Please do ask.

Dates for your diary:

2 Feb	Messy Church	10am - Child and bible based worship, games and activities. Combs Church Hall Poplar Hill - contact Jan Pearl or clergy

2 Feb	3pm **Healing and Wholeness** Service, St Andrew's, Gt Finborough.
5 Feb	7.30pm **Buxhall and Shelland Fete Committee**, Buxhall Church
7 Feb	3.30pm Child and bible based worship, games and activities. St Andrew's, Gt Finborough - Contact Canon Pauline
25 Feb	5pm **Pancake Party**, Trinity Hall - let Carole know if you will be attending on 736025. No charge but donations to Onehouse Church.
14 Mar	**Men's Breakfast –** 8am Pettiward Hall Gt Finborough– Speaker: Major James Lloyd, Stowmarket Salvation Army
15 Mar	**Mad Hatters Tea Party** Combs and Battisford Fete Committee Tickets £7 each in aid of the Fete and in Battisford Village Hall Tickets 07874884491
18 Mar	**Lent Soup Lunch** Gt Finborough – details to follow
24 April	**St Georges Supper**, Trinity Hall - in aid of St John the Baptist Church, Onehouse. Details TBC
25 April	**Vintage Cycle Ride** - in aid of St Mary's Combs Bell Fund. Details TBC

For your prayers this week

Monday - The parishes and congregations of Harleston and Shelland together with all who serve us in local organisations.

Tuesday - The Parish of Buxhall. The Mission of the church, all who Minister, serve on church councils, those who prepare and lead worship, musicians and choirs.

Wednesday - The parish of Onehouse together with all who are sick or distressed in any way, our Doctors surgery and Care Homes.

Thursday - The Parish of Gt Finborough together with all local businesses, shops public houses and gathering places. For peace and harmony in the world.

Friday - The Parish of Lt Finborough together with all those who run our Social groups particularly, Men Breakfast, Friendship Group, Meet Up Mondays, Knit and Natter, Lunch Clubs and Coffee Mornings.

Saturday - The Parish of Combs together with all who work with children particularly in church, Trinity Parent and Toddlers Group, Sunday School, Messy Church groups, Uniformed organisations and in our Schools in Combs and Gt Finborough.

And Each Day for our nation and its Government.

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Men's Evening Meeting?

Several men in our congregations, have suggested a meeting monthly in one of our local pubs – comments and expressions of interest to Rev Chris please so we can assess viability and organisation.

At our **Men's Breakfast** on the 11th January we were pleased to hear from Gary Crockett of Suffolk's ***Warm Homes Healthy People*** **project**. He told of the many initiatives and the unspent money he has available in various funds to assist people in difficulty. The criteria is surprisingly wide. He explained the number of unfortunate people who are Bed Blockers – at great cost to the NHS – because they could not return to warm enough homes. There was much more and both Derek Ames and I have more information and contact details if you know of anyone the scheme might assist.

We welcome **Rev Carl Melville** (back) to the Deanery as Rector of the Bacton Group of Parishes from 2nd April 2020 when he will be Inducted at St Mary's, Bacton. Carl is presently Rector of the Claydon Group and has many connections in Combs and Old Newton especially

King Charles the Martyr Shelland

Patronal Service of Holy Communion Sunday 2nd February 9.30am

This might be a good opportunity for those of you who have never been to join the congregation there to commemorate the Festival of our (*other!)* Martyr King and hear the famous Barrel Organ? Charles was Martyred for his beliefs in Whitehall on January 30th 1649 and there are only 4 other churches in England so dedicated. The barrel organ is the only surviving instrument in use in an active parish church in England constructed in 1804

Lent Groups

Begin on **Wednesday 4th March** at Combs Rectory 135 Poplar Hill Stowmarket 7.30pm **Or Thurs 5th March**, at Onehouse Rectory Woodland Close Forest Road at 10am. Full details ion the Parish Magazines or on request to Pauline or Chris

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 the Combs Village website by popular request!
http://www.combsvillage.org.uk/st-marys-church/pew-sheets/

Rector: Rev Christopher Childs - 01449 673280
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All information to combsandfinboroughparishes@aol.com by Monday for inclusion in the following Sunday's news sheet

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