

# 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



**Especial welcome** to those joining us at **St Mary's Combs** this afternoon at 4pm for our first public service since March. (August Services are listed on page 4)

## 26th July 2020 7th Sunday of Trinity

As we slowly emerge from 'Lockdown' and our churches re open we have been engaged in Risk Assessments and learning protocols now in place for worship. Full details are on the back of this sheet and we hope we can expand our services in due course. Please speak to the clergy (Alison firstly for Combs) if you know of anyone in difficulty either materially emotionally or spiritually.

I hope many of you will join in the Zoom service of **Holy Communion at 10am**. 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.

**Churches Open** Saturday 10-12 and Tuesday 2-4 **St Andrews Gt Finborough**  
Sunday and Wednesdays 2.30-4.30pm **St Mary's Combs**

**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.

**Other on line worship** and resources are available via the Diocesan Website  
[www.cofesuffolk.org](http://www.cofesuffolk.org) or St Edmundsbury Cathedral [www.stedscathedral.org/](http://www.stedscathedral.org/)

### Collect for today

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as a mustard seed  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen**



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## Readings

### Epistle is taken from Genesis 29:15-28

<sup>15</sup>Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" <sup>16</sup>Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup>Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. <sup>18</sup>Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." <sup>19</sup>Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." <sup>20</sup>So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. <sup>21</sup>Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." <sup>22</sup>So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. <sup>23</sup>But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup>(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) <sup>25</sup>When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" <sup>26</sup>Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup>Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." <sup>28</sup>Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

### Holy Gospel Matthew 13.31-33,44-52    **Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>31</sup>He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." <sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

## Intercessions

May the Spirit pray through us  
as we try to put into words the longings of our hearts  
for the Church and for the world.



Father, we thank you  
for all who have helped us to pray  
and to grasp something of your great love  
and power.

We ask your blessing and empowering  
for all who teach and minister in your  
name in these communities  
and especially of Bishops Martin and Mike;  
we ask for our Sunday worship – even in  
these difficult times  
to be an overflowing of our walk with you,  
and expression of our deepening love.  
*(Silence)*

Lord of all creation; **teach us your ways**

Father, we thank you for the beauty and  
diversity  
of the created world we inhabit.  
We ask for the wisdom to tend it carefully,  
especially at this harvest time,  
respecting  
the natural laws and sharing resources,  
listening  
to the weak as well as the strident,  
the power as well as the affluent and  
powerful. *(Silence)*

Lord of all creation; **teach us your ways**

Father, we thank you for the candour  
and innocence of the very young,  
and for the joy of friendship;  
for all with whom we share our daily life,  
and those we love but seldom meet -  
especially those closed in.  
We ask for hearts  
that are skilled at listening,  
so that we respond to the real agendas,  
and remember that a conversation is two  
ways event. *(Silence)*

Lord of all creation; **teach us your ways**

Father, we thank you for the advances in  
medical knowledge and we hope for new  
treatments for many diseases.  
We pray for all in medical research  
especially this Coronavirus  
and all whose lives are crippled or  
disadvantaged  
by illness frailty or damage,  
we name them in the silence of our hearts  
Give comfort and reassurance,  
healing wholeness and peace. *(Silence)*

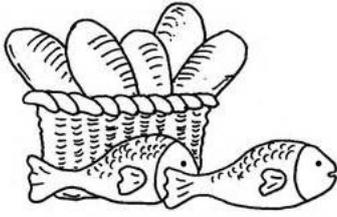
Lord of all creation; **teach us your ways**

Father, we call to mind  
all those we have known and loved  
who lived among us and now have died.  
We pray for all who made that journey  
unnoticed and alone.  
We ask that they may all know your mercy  
and the everlasting peace and joy of  
heaven. *(Silence)*

Lord of all creation; **teach us your ways**

Father, we thank you  
for your wisdom and truth,  
your understanding and generosity.  
We acknowledge  
our total dependence on you,  
and praise you for providing all we need.

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these 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](http://www.livingit.org.uk) and Foodbank area!** There is a red



donate button.

**URGENT NEEDS THIS WEEK** Sugar, Crisps, wrapped cakes, biscuits and pies, Loo Rolls. THANK YOU.



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

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**

- Rod Pedge aged 83
- Liam Fairfull aged 29
- Donald Griffiths aged 93
- Angela Burdett aged 53
- Terrance Billing aged 78
- Mary Hammond aged 88

**May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory**



**August Services:-**

Zoom services continue at 9.30am each Sunday Access contact [revcchilds@aol.com](mailto:revcchilds@aol.com)

2nd	11am Holy Communion Buxhall	
9th	11am Holy Communion Combs	6pm Evening Worship Lt Finboro'
16th	11am Holy Communion Gt Finbro'	6pm Evening Worship Harleston
23rd	11am Holy Communion Combs	6pm Evening Worship Shelland
30th	11am Holy Communion Gt Finbro'	6pm Evening Prayer Onehouse
6th Sept	11am Holy Communion Buxhall	

**Evening Services are probably in the Churchyards - BYO seats**

**You are very welcome. There is no requirement to 'receive' Holy Communion**

**Sadly there is no singing or refreshments and Social Distancing has to be maintained**

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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