

The Finborough and Combs News Sheet

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

*WELCOME as we come
together today*

7 April 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent



WELCOME to the friends and family of George Thomas Green for his Baptism today at St Mary's Combs

Isaiah 43.16-21
Psalms 126
Philippians 3.4-14
John 12.1-8

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.

This week:

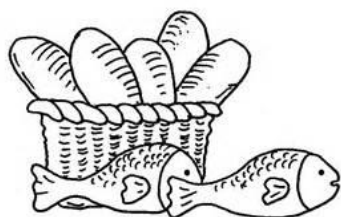
Mon 8 Apr	7pm Little Finborough Annual Meeting and PCC , St Mary's Church 7.30pm Buxhall Choir , in Church
Tue 9 Apr	11.45am Midday Prayer , St Mary's Buxhall 7.30pm Combs Annual Church Meeting and PCC , St Mary's, Church
Wed 10 Apr	9.30am Holy Communion , Trinity Hall, Onehouse 10.30-12.30pm Community Coffee Morning , Trinity Hall Onehouse 12pm Lent Lunch , Trinity Hall Onehouse – Bishops Lent Appeal (below) 7.30am Great Finborough PCC , St Andrew's Church 7.30pm Lent Group Combs Rectory – Rev Chris
Thu 11 Apr	10.00am Lent Group , Onehouse Rectory - Canon Pauline 2pm Friendship Club , Church Hall -Speaker: Gini Williams, our trainee Priest, all welcome 4.30pm Evening Prayer , St Andrew's Great Finborough 7.00pm Combs Choir , West End Farm, Mill Road 7.30pm Annual Church Meetings , Dapplelight. Harleston
Fri 12 Apr	8pm Compline , King Charles the Martyr, Shelland
Sat 13 Apr	10am Morning Prayer , St Mary's, Combs followed by coffee morning 9.30am - 12noon Valuation Day , St Andrew's. Gt Finborough - £3.00 Refreshments

The Finborough and Combs News Sheet

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

Next week's Services: 14 Apr – Palm Sunday

Combs	Little Finborough	Gt Finborough	Buxhall	Onehouse	Harleston	Shelland
11am Holy Communion	2pm (Old Thatches) Procession and Service	6.30pm Evensong (see below)	9.30am Morning Worship and Baptism	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Holy Communion (By Extension)	9.30am Holy Communion



Your donations are very gladly received in the churches at Combs, Gt Finborough, Buxhall and Shelland. *Current needs include:*

Stowmarket Foodbank
Supporting individuals and families in crisis

Tinned fruit, instant mash, rice pudding, tinned cold meats, tinned hot meats, long life milk, small jars of coffee and part baked bread.

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, 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.

If you or anyone you know would **welcome a visit or meeting** with the clergy or Ministry Team please mention it to a welcomer at your church or speak to the clergy. We are pleased to be taking an increasing number of Home Communion to people and so please do ask.

The Bishops' Lent Appeal in 2019 for Kagera*

Which some of our churches are supporting with their Lent charity lunches is asking you to help us raise funds to enable the Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP) build on what they are doing already to lift their people out of poverty. To find out more visit our website page www.cofesuffolk.org/bishops/kagera-lentappeal.

The money from the 2017 Lent Appeal is doing great things in Kagera as we're supporting Thomas Shavu to lead the CCMP. Thomas is teaching people that they can help themselves out of poverty and many of you met him at Harleston last year at their Harvest Festival.

The Finborough and Combs News Sheet

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

Dates for your diary:

27 Apr	The Bell Raisers – Vintage Cycle Ride – in Aid of Combs Bell fund – 07971 599001
10 April	12pm Lent Lunch , Trinity Hall, Onehouse - in aid of Bishop's Lent appeal for Kagera.
25 Apr	2.30-4pm Mini Senior Alpha , St Mary's Church Hall, Combs – Rev Chris or Gini Williams
11th May	8am Men's Breakfast Buxhall Village Hall – Derek Ames 01449 613328 Speaker Jonathan Steed M D of Gipping Press – a Christian in the world of business
25 May	Christian Aid Week - St Mary's Combs is holding its BIG BREKKIE 9.30 - 11.30am - at Trinity School Lavenham Way
1 June	2pm Strawberry Fayre Combs Rectory Garden
2 June	2pm Plant Sale and Teas Harleston Hall Barn (beside the church) in Aid of St Augustine's (in conjunction with National Gardens Scheme Open Garden)
9 June	10.00-4.00pm Open Farm Sunday Fenn's Farm Combs Barbeque available. Teas in Aid of St Mary's Church

Easter Lillies

A reminder, I dare say the Church flower ladies will welcome the usual monetary donations towards Lillies 'in memoriam' as usual so ... and if you aren't sure who they are. Ask me or one of the Churchwardens.

Annual Church Meetings

All are welcome to come to your parish church or the church you regularly attend to receive the annual Reports on its work in the community, building(s) and finances. All are preceded by refreshments and less than an hour long. There will be elections for Churchwardens and Church Council Members. Those who work so hard, do appreciate your support if you can? All at 7.30pm. Rev Chris

Gt Finborough 24th April **Onehouse** 23rd April Trinity Hall **Shelland** 15th April

If you require a **gluten free** communion wafer please speak to one of the welcomer's - preferably before the start of the service.

Church Electoral Roll

Your parish Officers will soon be asking you to reapply as we are required to complete a new Roll Forms are available in the churches and I hope you will want to rejoin and so be able to take full part in the life of the church. Any queries please speak to the clergy

Church Parent and Toddler Group

At Trinity school and in conjunction with them St Mary's Combs is pleased to be **opening a group** on **Monday 29th April** 9 until 11am. Enquiries to Rev Chris or Jan Pearl 01449 676836

The Finborough and Combs News Sheet

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

Diocesan Communication with us all

A summary of the key points presented, discussed and agreed is available through the newly created website page with a combination of videos and key messages: <http://www.cofesuffolk.org/diocesan-synod-march-2019> ([cofesuffolk.org](http://www.cofesuffolk.org) > "About Us" > "Diocesan Synod"). Have a Look.....

Palm Sunday – ‘specials’

Join us at Old Thatches - opposite the Punchbowl for the start of their Palm Sunday service. Lead by a donkey and Combs Choir we shall process to **Little Finborough Church** to finish the service and enjoy Tea –

We are invited to **Our Lady's Catholic Church 14th April at 3.30pm**

A service of readings and music for congregation and lead by the Stowmarket Churches Combined choir

6.30pm **Evensong** in Gt Finborough Derek Ames will give *an illustrated talk on his trip to Uganda*, where he has helped to support a Day Care Clinic, and his visit to Rwanda.

For St Mary's, Little Finborough

Meekness and majesty manhood
and deity

In perfect harmony the Man who
is God

Lord of eternity dwells in
humanity

Kneels in humility and washes our
feet

Father's pure radiance
perfect in innocence

Yet learns obedience to
death on a cross

Suffering to give us life

Conquering through sacrifice

And as they crucify prays
Father forgive

Wisdom unsearchable, God
the invisible;

Love indestructible in frailty
appears

Lord of infinity, stooping so
tenderly,

Lifts our humanity, to the
heights of his throne

*O what a mystery meekness and
majesty*

*Bow down and worship for this is
your God*

This is your God

O what a mystery...

O what a mystery...

Rector : Rev Christopher Childs - 01449 673280

Associate Priest Rev Canon Pauline Higham 01449 771791

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 to you, please e mail above