

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



12th April 2020 Easter Day – Happy Easter -

As a result of the COVID 19 Virus our services of worship and use of our churches is suspended – but not our faith, our common life and care for each other. I share with you a particularly apt prayer from the Church Missionary Society

“Christ who appeared to your disciples when the doors were shut; appear unto all of those in the world today who live their lives behind closed doors.”

Pauline and I are in touch with or know the leaders in each of our communities who are prepared to assist those self-isolating or otherwise. Please make contact if you know of anyone in difficulty. There have been some surprising cases. We are seeing a wonderful outpouring of support and organisation. Thank you all.

There will be services of **Holy Communion** on behalf of us all today at 9.30 (BCP) and 11am (CW). You can be with Pauline and me in Spirit using the Readings below and your own Orders of Service listening to the sermon on the link shown on the e mail and the music on the other links. Suzannah has told the story for children as well. You might like to wear something gold and 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. Some of you might like to join in the prayers for Spiritual Communion available at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/Guidance%20on%20Spiritual%20Communion%20and%20Coronavirus.pdf>

Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. Amen



Acts 10. 34-43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

John 20.1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the

feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Intercessions

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us [and ...] with the joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches

may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility

to be subject to one another in Christian love ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,

the weak and the dying,

to comfort and strengthen them ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises,

all who have died in the faith of the resurrection

may be raised on the last day ...

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,

so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Ruth Haward a member of the congregation of St Mary's Lt Finborough offers:-

Easter Prayer

*God our Father,
You created this world, the land, the seas and all living things. To man you gave free will
to be a good steward over your creation. We have fallen short of this task but you, in your
great mercy, sent us your Son, Jesus Christ, that through Him we might be forgiven.*

*Show us how to be more responsible for each other in the way we live so that we may be
worthy of your love.*

*This Good Friday, we humbly remember that your love for the world is so great that you
sent your Son to be crucified, that we who believe in Him, might be saved.*

*Then, on the third day, how glorious was that Easter morning when Jesus Christ was no
longer in the tomb but had risen from the dead to reign over us for evermore.*

Glory be to you Our Father. Alleluia!

It would be kind to phone someone you would have met in church or even someone
you think might be alone.

We were all invited to join our Bishops in a National Day of Prayer and action about
the Coronavirus and I know many people are **lighting a candle in a window at
8pm**. Will you join in? – it supports others in showing light and hope.

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/>

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