

The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

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

WELCOME as we keep in touch,
pray and support each other
especially those who cannot come
back to our buildings yet.



11th October 2020
18th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to the **Zoom service**. You might like to light a candle. Following Orthodox tradition and 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.

Welcome to **Holy Communion** at St Mary's Combs for at 11am

Welcome to **Evening Prayer** at Shelland at 3pm

Collect for today

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**



Readings

Epistle – Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of

God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Holy Gospel Matthew Ch 22.1-14 Glory to You O Lord

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

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

Intercessions

Invited by our God, we have gathered here.
Let us now voice our prayers
for the church and the world.

Father, when either the traditional or the progressive
blinds us to the truth of your will,
clear our vision and speak through our prejudices
until we are once again open to your changing.
May we be, before anything else, your people,
Sharing your concerns and desires *Silence:*

As you have called us, **Lord, we come**

Father, we recognise how powerful
the influences are in our world
which distract many and lead away from your truth.
We pray for the quiet whisper of your wisdom
to be noticed and acknowledged in many lives;
we pray for widespread discipline of the heart,
a new openness to generosity of spirit *Silence:*

As you have called us, **Lord, we come**

Father may our homes and daily schedules
be part of the territory of your kingdom,
where it is your will which guides
and your love which rules. *Silence:*

As you have called us, **Lord, we come**

Father, our hearts rail against the cruelty
and unfairness of suffering and disease,
and we kneel now alongside all in pain
and weep with them, crying out to you
For comfort and the healing of your love, especially we remember..
for you are no bringer of evil to our lives,
but share our sorrow and give us the grace to bear it *Silence:*

As you have called us, **Lord, we come**

Father, as death takes from us those we love
and we find it hard to live without them,
take from us all bitterness of heart and
let us share with them the peace you give
over which death has no power at all. *Silence:*

As you have called us, **Lord, we come**

Father, it is such an honour
to be invited to your banquet;
make us worthy of our calling.

Merciful Father
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Stowmarket Foodbank
Supporting individuals and families in crisis

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 Toilet Rolls, tinned carrots and tinned Hot Dogs, THANK YOU



Half Term Messy Church

Join us for one afternoon in each of Gt Finborough or Combs Churchyards for Bible themed socially distanced activity and fun . Dates tbc
Contacts Jan Pearl, Irene Leech and Canon Pauline

Remembering the Dear Departed **Change of plan**

Common sense dictates that we should not encourage large gatherings even if we are technically allowed to do so. We have decided to remember each person in the church with which they are associated on:-

Ist Nov	11am Combs	and	3pm Lt Finborough
8th Nov			3 pm Onehouse
15th Nov	11am Gt Finborough	and	3pm Shelland
22nd Nov			3pm Harleston
6th Dec	11am Buxhall		

Invitations are being sent to all who have lost loved ones recorded in our Registers over the past year and there will be an opportunity to leave a personal memory rather than lighting a candle. Booking into Chris or Pauline is essential with the number in your 'bubble' by Thursday. If you would like someone remembered, please let them know and where!

October Services:-

Zoom services continue at 9.30am each Sunday - Access revcchilds@aol.com

18th Oct	11am	Holy Communion Gt Finboro'	3pm Evening Prayer Onehouse
25th Oct	11am	Holy Communion Combs	3pm Evening Prayer Harleston

All events are subject to change according to regulation

Evening Services are probably in the Churchyards - BYO seats.

Morning Prayer on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10am, Bible Study on Wednesdays at 4pm continue on Zoom – ask for details

Church Annual (and Vestry) Meetings 7.30pm - on ZOOM

Harleston	15th October	ditto	Rev Chris
Onehouse	19th October	ditto	Heidi Bingham

Please remember the families and loved ones of those recently died

Wendy Flinter, Phyllis Shapland and Pat Creese

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

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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