

# 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.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**20th September 2020**

**15th Sunday after Trinity (and Harvest Festival)**

**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 St Andrew's Gt Finborough for **Holy Communion** at 11am

**Welcome** to **Harvest Festival** at St Mary's Little Finborough at 3pm

## Collect for today

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

## Readings (Special Readings for Lt Finborough)

### Epistle - Philippians 1.21-30

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence



of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1-16**      **Glory to You O Lord**

20“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

## **Intercessions**

Let us come with openness to express our concerns for the church and the world, to the God of compassion and gracious understanding.

Loving Father, whenever we start to get offended by your generosity or open mindedness, give us the grace to repent and join in your rejoicing.

Guard the church against self righteousness and all rules and limits which you would not own, but keep always before us the rule of love. *Silence*

Not our will; **but your will, Lord, be done**

Loving Father, increase in us love not only for the victims but for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world; for all governments which run on corruption and fear.

We pray for a change of heart and attitude,  
an awakening to a better way of living,  
and courage to reject wrong principles *Silence*

Not our will; **but your will, Lord, be done**

Loving Father,  
may our closeness to family and friends  
make us never exclusive, shutting others out,  
but always inclusive, welcoming others in.  
Encourage us in outgoing hospitality and keep us from becoming  
possessive with those we love. *Silence*

Not our will; **but your will, Lord, be done**

Loving Father, we pray for all offenders in prison,  
that on release they will not reoffend  
but find real support  
to start a new life in the community.  
We pray for all who are vulnerable  
and unable to cope with the demands of life,  
for alcoholics, drug addicts  
and all who are sick in mind. Especially we remember...  
We pray for proper compassionate help for them. *Silence*

Not our will; **but your will, Lord, be done**

Loving Father, we pray for those who have died alone,  
unmourned and unnoticed.  
We pray for those who have taken their own life  
Or died in accidents of their own making.  
We also remember.....  
We commend them all to your merciful love. *Silence*

Not our will; **but your will, Lord, be done**

Loving Father, thank you for helping us to pray;  
deepen our loving  
so that as we pray through the week  
we may do it with your heart of compassion

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

## **Sunday 27th September**

we welcome the Venerable Dr David Jenkins, Archdeacon of Sudbury as our  
Preacher on Zoom at 9.30am – please join us

## Half Term Messy Church

Join us for one afternoon in Gt Finborough or Combs Churchyards for socially distanced activity. Dates tbc



### Remembering the Dear Departed 1st November 11am St Mary's Combs

This has been a particularly difficult year for many and so we have chosen the church with the largest safe seating capacity to hold the service. Invitations are being sent to all who have lost loved ones recorded in our Registers over the past year. There will be an opportunity to leave a personal memory rather than lighting a candle. The Parish Magazines or Combs and Lt Finboroughs' Together Sheet will give more detail. Otherwise please ask. Booking in is essential with the number in your 'bubble' by the previous Thursday.

### September and October Services:-

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

27th Sept	11am	Holy Communion Combs,	6pm Evening Prayer Harleston
4th Oct	11am	Holy Communion Buxhall,	3pm Evening Prayer Lt Finboro
11th Oct	11am	Holy Communion Combs,	3pm Evening Prayer Shelland
18th Oct	11am	Holy Communion Gt Finboro'	3pm Evening Prayer Onehouse
		Holy Baptism Combs	3pm

*Evening Services are probably in the Churchyards - BYO seats. Sadly there is no singing or refreshments and Social Distancing has to be maintained.*

*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

Lt Finbro' 21st September - Cheryl Edwards  
Combs 22nd September - Chris Sansom  
Gt Finbro 5th October - Maggie Vincent  
Harleston 15th October 7.30pm – Rev Chris  
Onehouse 19th October 7.30 – Heidi Bingham

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those recently died**  
Wendy Flinter, Robert Osbourne and Ivan Baker  
**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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