

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.



22nd November 2020 Christ the King

Welcome to the **Zoom service of Holy Communion**. 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.

Collect for today

Gd the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen**



Readings

Epistle Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

11 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the

weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Holy Gospel Matthew Chapter 25 verses 31-46 **Glory to you O Lord**

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

Intercessions

Let us humble ourselves
in the presence of God and pray to
him for the church and the world.

Loving God,
in all our ministry as the Church,
both laity and clergy,
on Sundays and on weekdays,
may we give glory to you
and further your kingdom.
Direct us to those who are searching

and give us the wisdom to know
how best to draw them to your love.

Silence We are your people:
the sheep of your pasture.

Loving God,
may we actively seek to do good,
to stand up against injustice
and work for peace;
Lord, rid the world of terrible evils
that result from unvoiced objections,
and unspoken misgivings.

Give us the courage
to act as true citizens of heaven.

Silence We are your people:
the sheep of your pasture.

Loving God,
may the way we manage our homes,
decisions, time and money
be in keeping with our calling
as inheritors of the kingdom.
May your love undergird all our loving.

Silence We are your people:
the sheep of your pasture.

Loving God, search for the lost,
bring back those who have strayed,
bind up the injured,
strengthen the weak;
help us all to share
in this work of loving care.
Especially we pray for.....

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Diocesan Prayer for Generosity

Loving God, you are always with us,
and give us all we need
to be your church in Suffolk.

Help us, we pray,
to give as we have received:
abundantly, generously, joyfully,
that our worship and our service
may bear witness to your kingdom of unfailing love.

In the name of your son who gave his life for us, Jesus Christ **Amen**

Silence We are your people:
the sheep of your pasture.

Loving God,
welcome into your kingdom
all whose lives
show them to be your servants,
whether or not
they have known your name.
Especially we remember....
Prepare us all
to meet you with confidence
of sins confessed and forgiven.

Silence We are your people:
the sheep of your pasture

Loving God,
you have shown us such love
and humility;
We offer you our thanks and praise.

Please remember the families and loved ones of those recently died

Harold Turner, Barbara Thompson Elaine Tomlinson

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

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.**

Study and Prayer Courses

We shall be following the Diocesan Course 'Living Advent' on Zoom from 4pm on Wednesday 2nd December and each Wednesday following – join when you can.
– the booklet is available in hard copy. Log in details from Pauline or Chris

and in the meantime we are following a 4 week course on Living Prayer. There is picture and written material to look at, so please be in touch if you would like more information and the booklet.

Christmas Craft Club (for adults)



On Zoom from Wednesday's at 7pm. Details from Lisa 01359 245013

Making simple Christmas decorations.



A Call to Prayer for the Nation from the Archbishops

All have been asked to join each evening at 6pm and I can provide a leaflet if you are not able to access the below link.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation>



We have been asked to ring our bells at 6pm – at least each Thursday evening. Thank you to those – not necessarily Churchwardens who are doing so. It is much appreciated my many.

Children's Activities over Christmas and Christingle

Pauline and the Messy Church Teams are preparing packs once again and if you didn't receive contact over half term and would like to next time please be in touch. WE sent out almost 50.

I am aware that many of our Christian Charities like the Children's Society will lose income this year and their valuable work with vulnerable children be curtailed. We are planning to run at least one Christingle and so if you can offer help please do so. They are great fun for all ages.

All events are subject to change according to regulation

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

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

<http://www.combsvillage.org.uk/st-marys-church/pew-sheets/>

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