

# 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.



**27th September 2020**  
**16th Sunday after Trinity**

**Welcome** to the **Zoom service** and **Ven Dr David Jenkins Archdeacon of Sudbury** as our Preacher. 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 St Augustine's Harleston at 6pm

## Collect for today

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**



## Readings

### Epistle – Philippians Ch 2.1-13

2If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

## **Holy Gospel Matthew Ch 21 23-32 Glory to You O Lord**

<sup>2</sup>When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

## **Intercessions**

God has called us;  
as we gather in his name let us bring to him our prayers  
which come from our love and concern.

Lord, we thank you for all the help and encouragement  
we are given from the church –  
from its worship, teaching and fellowship;  
from its faithfulness in prayer.

Bless and further all loving ministry  
in word and sacrament throughout the world church;  
inspire us all to want your will and to do it. *Silence*

O God, work in us;

**inspiring both will and deed**

Lord, we pray for the world,  
where the misery and tragedy of wrong choices  
grieves your heart of love.

Let there be wisdom and compassion  
in all negotiations and decisions;  
let there be humility in leadership  
and responsibility for right action shared by all. *Silence*

O God, work in us;  
**inspiring both will and deed**

Lord, we bring to you the joys and worries,  
the frustrations and accomplishments of this week  
in the lives we have met and shared.

As we pray, let your light shine into all these lives  
for fresh directing and lasting good. *Silence*

O God, work in us;  
**inspiring both will and deed**

Lord, we bring to you those we know  
who are ill or suffering in any way.  
Give them healing, restore them i  
in body, mind and spirit especially those known to us  
and provide them with your indwelling *Silence*

O God, work in us;  
**inspiring both will and deed**

Lord, we remember in your presence  
All those who have died,  
and particularly those we have known and loved.  
Thank you for them,  
and thank you for your promise  
of eternal life and peace.  
May we comfort one another through your love. *Silence*

O God, work in us;  
**inspiring both will and deed**

Lord, we thank you for your offer  
of life in all its abundance;  
may we accept it with joy every day of our life.

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](http://www.livingit.org.uk) and Foodbank area! There is a red donate button.**

**URGENT NEEDS THIS WEEK** Jars of Jam, tins of fruit, instant mash, THANK You

**THANK you for the very generous Donations to Foodbank at our Harvest Services in Shelland Combs and Lt Finborough**

## 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 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)

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
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

Gt Finbrough	5th October	details	contact Maggie Vincent
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, Robert Osbourne, Ivan Baker and Phyllis Shapland  
**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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\*\*\*\*\***There will not be a Pew Sheet Next week**\*\*\*\*\*