

# 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



**10th May 2020 Easter 4**

As a result of the COVID 19 Virus our services of worship and the use of our churches is suspended – but not our faith, our common life, our care for each other and our world.

**Continuing Church.** Thank you all who have been involved in the Zoom parish meetings – we have seen good numbers everywhere and thank you for the support your being there gives others. Look out for the invites – they are open to everyone in the parishes of course – we are the C of E!

Please make contact if you know of anyone in difficulty either materially emotionally or spiritually. We are seeing a wonderful outpouring of support and organisation.

There will be a service of **Holy Communion** on behalf of us all today at 11am. We can be together in Spirit by using the Readings below, your own Orders of Service and listening to the sermon and the music on the links shown on the e mail. You might like to wear something white/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**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

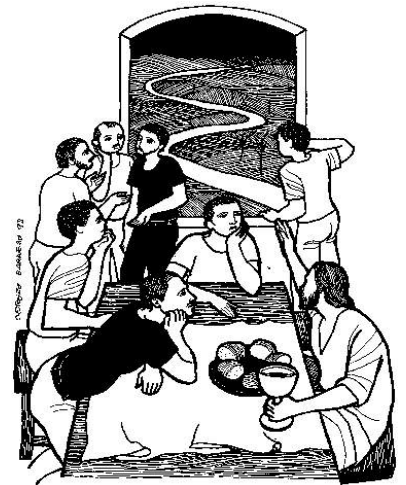
## Readings

### Acts 7.55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

### The Holy Gospel John 14.1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'



Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

## **Intercessions** *Wherever we are God is with us*

Let us pray for the peace and welfare of all people, especially for those whose lives are threatened by abuse or violence:- from war, civil disorder or in their own homes or workplaces



Loving and eternal God, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ after he had suffered a violent death, stay the hand of the murderer and the violent, turn the passions of disordered humanity from hatred to respect for and love of life. Lord hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us your peace.**

Eternal Ruler, who will bring to perfection this creation, let the rule of your Kingdom be confessed by all who hold the welfare of others in their hands. Be with all in the caring professions and those who support them especially at this time. Strengthen those who work in risky situations so that our lives may go on. Lord hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer, and let justice prevail.**

Bless, good Lord, the mission of the church, in making known the victory of Christ over sin and death. Let this victory appear in what we say, and in our deeds of caring for those in need as a nation and in our individuals actions. Lord hear us.

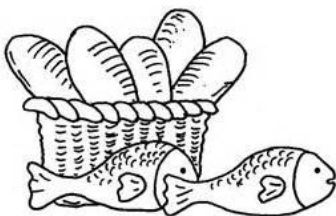
**Lord, hear our prayer, and your compassion made known in word and deed.**

As Jesus promised to prepare the way and there are many rooms in your house, give us grace to trust in your promise of eternal life for those whom we love whom we name in our hearts and for ourselves. Lord hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer, and let us see life in triumph over death.**

**Coronavirus Liturgy and Prayer is at** <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer>

**Our Youth and Children Ministry** continues on line, the music and scheme of work is available to all



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. URGENT NEEDS THIS WEEK are 'flat' tinned fish, jams, tinned meat, part baked bread and jelly. THANK YOU.

**Stowmarket Foodbank**  
Supporting individuals and families in crisis

**Our Linked Diocese of Kagera – Bishop Martin writes:-**

We heard yesterday from Bishop Darlington who reported that the numbers infected and dying from coronavirus are beginning to increase in Tanzania. You can imagine what a huge concern this is when there are such limited resources with which to

respond. He has asked if we could help him buy all the clergy and evangelists (the local church pastors) a bucket and hand sanitiser so they can maintain some basic care. The total for 396 clergy and evangelists comes to £2500. If you or your benefice were able to make a small contribution (it comes to £6.30 per bucket+sanitiser) please contact Michael Robinson at [michael.robinson@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:michael.robinson@cofesuffolk.org) and he will send you the bank details to make a transfer. This seems a straightforward way for us to reach out and help our brothers and sisters who are in dramatically greater need.



### Daily Quarantine Faith Questions

The Diocesan Spirituality Group has produced 'Daily Quarantine Faith Questions.' It provides a bible verse and a question to prompt some reflection. Please speak to me or Pauline if you would like further details

**The Rural Coffee caravan ladies write...**Patience wearing thin or enjoying the abundance of extra time at home?! Are you getting a little bit fed up or bored with the regular telephone conversations with family or friends? Nothing much to talk about, you've said it all before in previous conversations -well if you would like to talk to someone different, then give Elaine 07494 570 905 or myself Diana 07494 572 153 a call.

**Morning Prayer** on Zoom – Wednesdays at 9.30am and Saturdays at 10am..

**Bible Study** on Zoom 4pm on Wednesdays. Please contact Chris for Log in details

### **Please remember the families and loved ones of those recently died and whose funerals are on**

12th May Barbara Chatt aged 85 (Combs and Buxhall) West Suffolk Crematorium

14th May Michael Ruffles aged 78 (Combs) West Suffolk Crematorium

18th May Gerald Castell aged 91 (Buxhall) Gt Finborough Cemetery

20th May Julie Stone aged 54 (Stowmarket) (Combs Cemetery)

21st May Annie Peddar aged 96 (Onehouse) West Suffolk Crematorium

Tbc Sylvia Brown aged 92 (Stowmarket) (Gt Finborough)

Tbc Leslie Dawson aged 96 (Buxhall)

### **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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All information to [combsandfinboroughparishes@aol.com](mailto:combsandfinboroughparishes@aol.com) by Monday for inclusion in the following Sunday's news sheet  
**If you would like this Pew Sheet e-mailed please ask!**