

# 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



## 12th July 2020 5th Sunday of Trinity

As a result of COVID 19 our full Services are suspended – but not our faith, common life, care for each other and our world. **Church Continues** with our parish Zooms which are open to all. Please pass them on to others. 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.

I hope many of you will join in the Zoom service of **Holy Communion at 10am**. If you have not received the link please let me know as soon as possible. It is possible to phone in as well. You might like to 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.

**Churches Open** Saturday 10-12 and Tuesday 2-4 **St Andrews Gt Finborough**  
Sunday and Wednesdays 2.30-4.30pm **St Mary's Combs**

### Public Worship

I am working with Pauline and the Churchwardens on reopening all our churches at the beginning of August. Your safety is our priority

**Youth and Children Ministry** continues on line, music and activities are available

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

**Bible Study** on Zoom 4pm on Wednesdays – lead by Canon Pauline. **Evening Reflective Service on U Tube periodically** – lead by Rev Alison and Andy Little Details of Zoom/U Tube links are sent to all for whom I have e mails

### Collect for today

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



# Readings

## Old Testament Reading

### Isaiah 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks Be to God**

## Holy Gospel Matthew 13, 1-9 and 18-23 Glory to You, O Lord

### Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

#### The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

#### The Parable of the Sower Explained

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good

soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

## **Intercessions**

Gathered together as the people of God,  
and attentive to his will, let us pray.



Heavenly Father, may your words of truth  
take root in our hearts and grow to rich maturity.  
May we hear your will for us and act upon it;  
may we take seriously our responsibility  
to encourage and nurture one another in faith  
at every age and every stage. *(Silence)*

Eternal truth, living God;  
**your word is life and strength**

Heavenly Father, may every act of selfless giving  
and every search for truth be richly blessed and rewarded;  
distrub assumptions and lead  
many to ponder more deeply  
the spiritual dimension to their lives.  
may the word of God reach all who are ready to receive it,  
and let us set no boundaries here as to who they might be. *(Silence)*

Eternal truth, living God;  
**your word is life and strength**

Heavenly Father, make our homes  
places of love and growth,  
welcoming to all who visit them,  
and accepting and forgiving to all who are nurtured there.  
Help us through the quarrels and heartaches  
And remind us to honour one another  
As your cherished ones. *(Silence)*

Eternal truth, living God;  
**your word is life and strength**

Heavenly Father, may all whose bodies,  
souls or minds are aching  
know the comforting and strengthening power  
of your companionship, and the healing work of your love.  
May we be more ready  
to support and befriend one another  
through the difficult times,  
in the name and love of the Od we worship *(Silence)*

Eternal truth, living God;  
**your word is life and strength**

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who are making the journey through physical death, as they put down earthly things and wake in your presence. Bring us all to share with them your life in all its fullness. *(Silence)*

Eternal truth, living God;  
**your word is life and strength**

Merciful father. Accept these prayers  
**For the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen**



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  CONNECTIONS

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** are non specific. THANK YOU.

## Rural Mission Sunday 19th July

Heaven in the Ordinary  
We welcome

**Ven Sally Gaze Archdeacon of Rural Mission  
as our preacher**



We would like to show pictures of actual Rural Mission during the Communion that day. Please e mail me with your pictures or ideas.

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

Rod Pedge aged  
Donald Keeble aged 89  
Liam Fairfull aged 29

**May she 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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