

The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

Buxhall, Combs, Gt and Lt Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland



WELCOME

As we keep in touch, pray and support each other

7th September 2025 : The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Church Services Today:

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Combs

*Due to ministry team annual leave there will be no Spiritual Communion service today.

Messy Church for Harvest!

We will be holding our next Messy Church session on **Saturday, 13th September from 10.30am to 12.30pm** at Trinity Hall in Onehouse.

The focus will be on the harvest and all ages are welcome, there will be harvest-themed crafts, a Bible story and probably a song! And to finish there will be a picnic-style lunch. Places must be booked in advance by emailing revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com and children will need to be accompanied by a parent/carer.



Forthcoming Events

8th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green

10th September – Harleston PCC, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

11th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

13th September – Messy Church for Harvest! 10.30am to 12.30pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse, places must be booked by emailing revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com

13th September – Ride and Stride! All our churches will be open from 9am to 5pm for the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored walk or cycle

14th September - Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share Lunch, 11am, please bring food to share with everyone, St Andrew's church, Great Finborough

17th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Finborough Court, Great Finborough

19th September - Onehouse 'Fun Quiz', 7.30pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse. All proceeds to the refurbishment of Trinity Hall, tickets £7.50 to include a Ploughman's Supper – BYO bottle. Tickets from Andrew 07887 788473/Ian 01449 615815/Christine 01359 240875

20th September – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Village Hall, Buxhall

26th September – Onehouse Harvest Supper, 6pm for 6.30pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse. Meal consists of two courses plus tea or coffee and bring your own drinks. Tickets from Sylvia (01449 615592) will be £15, £3 for children or a family ticket is £35

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **15th September 2025** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, if you need further information please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794. All most welcome.

Wednesday Mornings in Trinity Hall, Onehouse

9.30am Wednesdays Said Holy Communion followed at 10.30am by coffee and cake.

Saturday Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10am

Join us for a short service of Morning Prayer on Zoom, this is the link to join the service <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84537834344?pwd=dmZRdXpkbXNpUk15aVNjdzMwdmg5dz09> Meeting ID: 845 3783 4344 Passcode: 916836

Prayer Group

We have a group of people from across the Benefice who pray individually and privately for anyone who asks for prayerful support, whatever the situation may be. All information given is kept totally confidential. Our only request is that the person receiving prayer gives their consent. If you or someone you know would welcome prayer, please contact Elizabeth Mooney at emooney6@sky.com.

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

The New Testament reading is taken from Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I

have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 14.25-33 : Glory to you O Lord

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God, as you look down on our church family here assembled we thank you for this place in which we worship together. Thank you for the love that unites us, for the peace we enjoy today and for the hopes we have for tomorrow.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Lord we ask you guide your Church especially when differences amongst us seem to threaten our very existence. We too easily make ‘an other’ of one another. Help us now to look again, to see Jesus in the face and to recognise hopes, aspirations and desires.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Creator God, you created us to be stewards of your creation but we have chopped down forests, polluted the air, poisoned the rivers and seas, destroyed the places where animals live and then pursued them to extinction. Help us change our ways so that we can look after the world, and to make it the way that you want it to be.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father God, help us to recognize the people in our lives who need someone to stand up for them. Forgive us for thinking that it's "not our problem" and help us always to love our family friends and neighbours as ourselves.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Gracious God, sometimes life seems out of control and we don't know exactly which direction to take, especially when we are, or someone we know is, ill. Thank you for overseeing our lives and prompting us in the right way through your word and your spirit. We raise before you now those on our prayer lists and those causing us concern.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful God, remember, the souls of your servants now fallen asleep and for those who are saddened by their passing. Be with the bereaved in their loneliness and give them the faith to look beyond their present troubles to your Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again and who lives forevermore.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we praise you for all you have done in the past; we look forward with thankfulness for all you will do in the future and we thank you for today and all your blessings we experience.

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

Services on 14th September : The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Patronal Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Harvest festival	Great Finborough
2.30 pm	Harvest Festival	Shelland

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Eddie Smith and Jill Gladwell. 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/promoting-a-safer-church>

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