

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

14th September 2025 : The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Church Services Today:

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

Forthcoming Events

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 15815/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

7th October – Combs PCC, 7pm at Combs Rectory

8th October – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

11th October – Onehouse churchyard clear up and gift day, 9am to 12pm, Onehouse churchyard, for further details please contact Andrew Sykes on 01449 675834

11th October – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Village Hall, Buxhall

11th October – Shelland Fun Quiz!, 7pm for 7.15pm, teams of up to 6, £6.50 per person, bring your own drinks, desserts and coffee provided, Trinity Hall, Onehouse. Tickets from Lisa on 07881 787840 or Martin on 07532 024655

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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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 1 Timothy 1.12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 15.1-10 : Glory to you O Lord

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who

repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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

Intercessions

Lord, you have consecrated the world by sending your Son into the midst of it and by making all things new in Him. We ask you to give us the courage and power we need to share fully in His mission to the world and to further His kingdom in the lives of all people to the honour and glory of His name.

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

Our loving Father, we give thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: the glory of his humble birth, the graciousness of his selfless life, the obedience and trust that led him to the cross, and the triumph of his resurrection and ascension. We give thanks for your Holy Spirit at work in your Church and in our hearts, revealing your truth, renewing our lives, and bringing us to your eternal Kingdom.

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

Gracious God, we pray for peace in our world and especially we pray for countries across the Middle east, and continue to be mindful of those other countries where human life is taken away by violence everyday. We pray for Christians living in violent situations and persecuted for their faith. May our world leaders be led by your wisdom, give to them a resolve to seek peace and justice and end to the bitterness and hatred which divides people.

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

Heavenly Father, comfort those who have lost loved ones. Support the injured and those near death. Inspire the emergency services. Lighten the darkness of those who are near despair. Rekindle hope in our lives.

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

Gracious God, we pray for those who have died either recently or at this time of year and for those who mourn. We ask for eternal rest in your kingdom for those whose earthly life is over. We give thanks for those whose faith was a witness to us and for those whose faith was known only to you.

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

Draw your Church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving Him in His mission to the world, and together witnessing to His love on every continent and island.

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

Services on 21st September : The Feast of St Matthew

9.30 am	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Harvest Festival	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including David Cobden, Fiona Offord, Ken Brown and Audrey Goodwin. 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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