

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

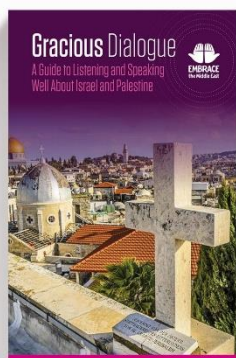
26th October 2025: The Last Sunday after Trinity

Church Services Today:

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

Advent Course – Gracious Dialogue

For our Advent course this year we will be using resources prepared by the charity Embrace the Middle East. As in previous years, we will be running our 4 week course on Zoom on Thursday mornings, further details will follow soon. If you would like a copy of the booklet we will be using please let revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com know so that sufficient numbers can be ordered before we start the course. Also, if you are unable to join us on Thursday mornings but would like to take part, please let Revd Sarah know.



Forthcoming Events

- 27th October** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, at the Village Hall, Buxhall
- 2nd November** – All Souls' service, 6pm at Great Finborough church
- 3rd November** – Little Finborough PCC, 7.30pm at Combs Rectory
- 4th November** – Onehouse PCC, 7.30pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse
- 10th November** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse
- 10th November** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Church
- 10th November** – Buxhall PCC, 7.30pm at Combs Rectory
- 13th November** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs
- 15th November** – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, at the Village Hall, Buxhall

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **27th October 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 Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 18.9-14 : Glory to you O Lord

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues,

adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’ This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Intercessions

Merciful God, help us when praying to be like the tax-collector, who was honest and contrite in his prayers. He, unlike the Pharisee, knew that he was a sinner, and stood before God in spiritual nakedness and in terrible need of forgiveness. We too pray for God’s forgiveness.

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

Gracious God, we pray for your church throughout the world and for all Christian people; for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service. We give you thanks for the gift of your word, the grace of the sacraments and the fellowship of your people.

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

Creator God, Lord of all, we pray for peace in the world bringing before you the troubles and dangers of people and nations; the war-torn and the world-weary. Shower your blessings on communities seeking to rebuild their lives in peace and hope; guide and protect refugees fleeing from war and persecution in their homelands and direct all rulers, governments and leaders of people to strive for justice and peace.

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

We pray for the sick and suffering and all who care for them. We pray for those for whom this day will be long and hard, for those struggling with despair or depression, for those in hospital and at home. In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

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

We remember in our prayers friends and loved ones who have enriched our lives and are now departed from us and we pray for those who have died in recent days. We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may your light shine on them for ever and our lives be richer because of their memory.

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

Faithful God as we go out into the world help us to entrust the past to your mercy, the present to your love and the future to your wisdom.

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

Services on 2nd November: All Saints' Day

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Service
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs
6.00 pm	All Souls' Service	Great Finborough

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Lorraine Vale and John Landymore.

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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