

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

16th November 2025 : Safeguarding Sunday, Second Sunday before Advent

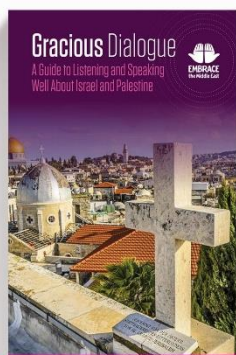
Church Services Today:

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Service*

* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84498102004?pwd=ZEpNWk5EQnJJSFYrWlY5a3R2WUJOUT09> Meeting ID: 844 9810 2004 Passcode: 454033

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 on the **27th November, 4th December, 11th December and 18th December**. 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 November** – Advent Course, 10am to 11.30am, on Zoom
- 29th November** – Onehouse Christmas Fayre, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse
- 30th November** – Benefice Service with guest preacher, 10am, Buxhall Church
- 1st December** – Harleston PCC, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse
- 4th December** – Advent Course, 10am to 11.30am, on Zoom
- 11th December** – Advent Course, 10am to 11.30am, on Zoom
- 13th December** – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, at the Village Hall, Buxhall
- 18th December** – Advent Course, 10am to 11.30am, on Zoom

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **24th November 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 Safeguarding Sunday

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Readings

The New Testament reading is taken from Ephesians 5.8-13

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Mark 12.28-31

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and

with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’
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Intercessions

Loving God, we lay before you the challenges that confront us at home, at work, in our communities and churches. May your Son, the Good Shepherd, guide and shape the life of your Church that all may find a welcome, secure in your presence.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Renew your Church in the love of truth and in passion for justice. Take from us all hypocrisy and deceit, and teach us to serve with humility and honesty those whose lives are broken.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Help us to cherish children and all in our community who are vulnerable, to protect them, and keep them safe. May this place rejoice to be a place where your love is celebrated with integrity.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Bring into your healing presence all who have been damaged and diminished by abuse, or whose lives continue to be overshadowed by guilt or fear, May sorrows be shared and memories be healed.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

May those who have been damaged by abuse not simply survive, but flourish. May young and old discover your life-giving love, and delight in your gift of life, so that fun, laughter and joy overflow to your glory.

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy, hear us.**

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

Services on 23rd November : Sunday next before Advent, Christ the King

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

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Nickie Hunt, Imogen Curtis and Keith Williams.

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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