

The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

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



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As we keep in touch, pray and support each other

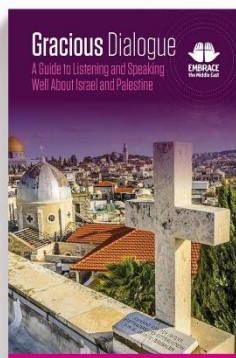
23rd November 2025 : Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent

Church Services Today:

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

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 Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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 Colossians 1.11-20

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on

earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 23.33-43

But the crowd kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, “Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.” Then they will begin to say to the mountains, “Fall on us”; and to the hills, “Cover us.” For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?’ Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Intercessions

Almighty God, your son Jesus is King of Kings, Lord of Lords and the redeemer of the human race; look down upon us, your earthly subjects, as we humbly lay ourselves and our intercessions before you. We are Jesus' people, and we wish to be more closely united with him in all we do and say. Search the heart of each one of us as we freely consecrate ourselves today to his Sacred Majesty.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for your world where many indeed have never known about you and your son; but where sadly many, have rejected you. Let Jesus be King, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken him, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned him altogether.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for our King, Charles III. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish

among us; encourage the leaders of the nations to serve their people following Jesus' example, constantly seeking the common good in all that they do.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Lord of the past and the future: we thank you for all the good things that have happened during the past church year. We thank you for the fellowship and joy of our worship together as a community and for all those who have worked so hard to run and maintain our churches across our benefice .

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all those who suffer in any way. We pray that they will know the presence of your Son alongside them and the power of Christ the King within them bringing peace and healing for them and help and encouragement for those caring for them in their hour of need.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, when we have to part from those whom we loved it hurts; so when the loss we have sustained turns to anger and when we find words of comfort hard to hear, surround us with your love, turning our grief to hope. We pray now for the recently departed and those whose anniversary falls at this time.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Almighty, we give thanks to you for all that you do in our lives. At the end of this church year we commend to you all those for whom we have prayed throughout the year and ask that you continue to use us and our prayers to make a difference in their lives.

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

Service on 30th November : Advent Sunday

10.00am Benefice Service of Holy Communion Buxhall
Guest Preacher: Revd Canon Sharon Connell
Head of Chaplaincy Services, St Nicholas Hospice

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died
including 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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