

# 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

### **11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 : The Baptism of Christ, Plough Sunday**

#### **Church Services Today:**

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion, Plough Sunday	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse Trinity Hall
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough

#### **Forthcoming Events**

**10<sup>th</sup> January** – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

**12<sup>th</sup> January** - Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

**12<sup>th</sup> January** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 1pm to 3pm, St Augustine's church, Harleston

**13<sup>th</sup> January** – Combs PCC meeting, 7pm at The Rectory, Combs Ford

**14<sup>th</sup> January** – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

**22<sup>nd</sup> January** – Shelland PCC meeting, 7.30pm at New Farm Granary, Shelland

**28<sup>th</sup> January** – Great Finborough PCC meeting, 7pm at Great Finborough Church

#### **Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs**

Our next meeting will take place on **19<sup>th</sup> January 2026** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, for 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. All welcome.

#### **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 - Meeting ID: 845 3783 4344 Passcode: 916836

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84537834344?pwd=dmZRdXpkbXNpUk15aVNjdzMwdmg5dz09>

#### **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](mailto:emooney6@sky.com).

### **Collect for the Baptism of Christ**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through 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 Old Testament reading is taken from Isaiah 42.1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.  
This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 3.13-end : Glory to you O Lord**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'  
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Intercessions**

Mighty God, Lord of life, we thank you for the moments in history which have pointed towards the mystery of baptism: especially Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, when you opened the door of heaven to proclaim him to be your beloved son and sent the Holy Spirit down upon him.

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

Everlasting God we pray for all baptised Christians throughout the world especially for those preparing for Baptism and Confirmation during the coming year. We raise before you the candidates, parents, sponsors and godparents and pray that they be given the grace, courage and perseverance to faithfully keep the promises they will make.

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

Ever living God, we pray for peace and integrity in all negotiations in international conflicts. Hear the cries of the people of the world who have never known peace; bring healing to those suffering from the violence of terrorism and comfort those mourning the dead.

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

Creator God, and Holy Spirit who in the beginning hovered over the waters and at Jesus' baptism descended in the form of a dove, come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we too may hear your life-giving word and be renewed by the power of the spirit.

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

Father God, your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: we give thanks for his presence with us in our homes and in our lives. Guide us in our

relationships with family and neighbours, especially those in trouble or need and bless those who have guided and enriched our own lives.

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

Gracious God, we pray for the sick who because of their weariness or pain find it difficult to pray; may they be aware of our prayer on their behalf and graciously accept the support and love of their families and friends within the Church and the wider community.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those who are dying and those who have already completed their life here on earth; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Holy God, we thank you for helping us to pray; deepen our appreciation of your creation so that as we go about our busy lives through this coming week we may do it with eyes wide open to the richness and colour of our surroundings and the vibrant variety of the people we live amongst.

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

### **Services for 18<sup>th</sup> January: The Second Sunday of Epiphany, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

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

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Mary Anns and Pauline Dade.  
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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