

# 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

### 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 : The Sunday Next before Lent

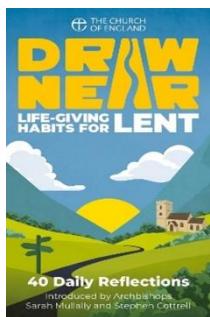
#### Church Services Today:

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs Church Hall
3.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Healing and Wholeness Service	Great Finborough

#### 18<sup>th</sup> February: Ash Wednesday

9.30 am	Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes	Onehouse Trinity Hall
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#### Preparing for Lent



This year as usual we will be running a Lent course and will be using the 'Draw Near' booklet from the Church of England. It includes 40 daily reflections and life giving habits for Lent. The course will be run on Zoom on Thursday mornings at 10am, beginning on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like a copy of the booklet, even if you're unable to join the course, please let Revd Sarah know, [revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com](mailto:revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com). Many thanks.

#### Fundraising for EACH

Mr Chauffour, Year 6 teacher at Trinity CofE Primary School in Combs Ford, will be fundraising for EACH, East Anglia's Children's Hospices by taking on the Marathon des Sables, one of the world's toughest endurance races. This multi-day ultramarathon takes place in the Sahara Desert, where runners cover around 250 kilometres over six to seven days. Competitors must be largely self-sufficient, carrying their own food and equipment while running in extreme heat across sand dunes and rocky terrain. The event is a true test of both physical endurance and mental resilience. Mr Chauffour's fundraising page is here [https://www.justgiving.com/page/mike-chauffour-1768852401515?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=WA](https://www.justgiving.com/page/mike-chauffour-1768852401515?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA) and any donation, big or small, will be greatly appreciated.





## World Day of Prayer – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

The World Day of Prayer this year will be held at Shelland Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Anyone interested in preparing this Service please contact Carole Hearn on 01359 302271 or 07743303222.

## Forthcoming Events

**9<sup>th</sup> February** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

**9<sup>th</sup> February** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 1pm to 3pm at Harleston Church

**12<sup>th</sup> February** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm at Combs Green, Combs

**14<sup>th</sup> February** – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Village Hall, Buxhall

**18<sup>th</sup> February** – Community Café, 2pm to 3pm, Finborough Court Flats, Gt Finborough

**19<sup>th</sup> February** – Lent Course on Zoom

**23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Buxhall PCC meeting, 7.30pm at Combs Rectory

**25<sup>th</sup> February** – Lent Lunch, 12pm to 2pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

**26<sup>th</sup> February** – Lent Course on Zoom

**11<sup>th</sup> March** – Lent Lunch, 12pm to 2pm at Maple Lodge, High Road, Great Finborough

## Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **16<sup>th</sup> February 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 Sunday Next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 Exodus 24.12-end**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

### **The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 17.1-9 : Glory to you O Lord**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

## Intercessions

Holy God your Son Jesus was wonderfully transfigured in front of his disciples high upon the holy mountain, and at that time he asked them to keep it a secret. Help us, not to keep the secret but to proclaim it to all that Jesus Christ is Lord. Give us strength to live the Gospel and to carry our cross in order that the world to come to know him in the same, personal way as we do.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, you gave us a beautiful world to live in and to care for. We know that in many areas our Stewardship has not met your expectations yet, through the victory of Jesus Christ, we know also that you can transfigure and restore all things in

creation. We pray earnestly, for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles and decisions throughout the world.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all who lie stricken with illness, grief or despair. Bring healing to every broken life, relief to all who are in pain, hope to the dying and strength to all who care for them.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we raise before you those whom we love who are already transformed in likeness to your glorious body. Comfort us and all who mourn; give them a patient faith in this time of darkness and strengthen them with the knowledge of your love

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can see that we are transformed by Christ and thereby draw others into Jesus' loving care.

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

#### **Services for 22<sup>nd</sup> February: First Sunday of Lent**

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

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