

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 April 2026 : The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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



Forthcoming Events

25th/26th April – Harleston Plough Day at Harleston IP14 3JG, events taking place throughout each day from 10am, refreshments available

30th April – Shelland APCM/PCC, 7pm at Shelland church

9th May – Little Finborough Plant Sale, 10am to 2pm, Orchard House, Battsford IP14 2LZ

9th May – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Buxhall Village Hall

11th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 2pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

11th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 1pm to 3pm, Harleston Church

12th May – Onehouse APCM/PCC, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

18th May – Buxhall APCM/PCC, 7pm at Buxhall Church

19th May – Little Finborough APCM/PCC, 7pm at Little Finborough Church

20th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Great Finborough Church

26th May – Harleston APCM/PCC, 6.30pm at Harleston Church

Mission Direct to Lusaka, Zambia

A message from Liz Beale at Harleston:

As many of you know I have been going to Africa for the last 3 years with Mission Direct on charity building projects. Whilst I am self-funding my participation in a project to build educational and sanitary facilities at an orphanage in Lusaka, funds are desperately needed for building materials. If anyone feels able, I would very much appreciate donations to my JustGiving page to fund the building materials we require:

JustGiving page link:- [https://www.justgiving.com/page/liz-beale-](https://www.justgiving.com/page/liz-beale-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

[3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/liz-beale-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **27th April 2026** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, for further details 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, the link to join this service can be found on the back page of this Pew Sheet.

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 Acts 2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 10.1-10 : Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the

gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Intercessions

Lord, you are our Shepherd, and we pray that you will protect us from all danger by keeping watch over us, guide us towards green pastures where we can be nourished by your word and lead us to pure still waters where we can be refreshed by your love.

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

Lord, you are our Shepherd, and we pray for our church leaders that they too may care for and lead us by following the example of love and service you demonstrated in your earthly ministry.

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

Lord, you are our Shepherd, and we pray for the world that was given to us as an inheritance, on the understanding that we would care for it as shepherds care for their flocks. Teach us to look after our beautiful planet and care for it wisely, whilst sharing its gifts more fairly and working together with all of its inhabitants to ease its sufferings.

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

Lord, you are our Shepherd, and we pray for our families and friends who need to hear the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd; who knows every one of them by name; who offers rest to the weary and salvation to sinners and life eternal to all who accept him into their lives.

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

Lord, you are our Shepherd who seeks out the lost and the sick. We pray for those we know who are lost in illness and ask you to reassure them with the knowledge that you are watching over them in their suffering and that many are praying for their recovery.

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

Lord, you are our Shepherd, so we pray for those who have died and for those who ache with sorrow in their loss of a loved one. May those we now name before you

find rest in the Spirit's embrace as you welcome them into the great sheepfold, safe in your keeping forever.

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

Lord, you are our Shepherd, and we thank you for this time we have shared in prayer and thanksgiving.

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

Services for 3rd May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Meeting
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs

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

Please use this link for all services held on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4703781299?pwd=doep7y6JYxv0lIXsxROxnbezlda9ME.1>

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