

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

10th May 2026 : The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rogation Sunday

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
11.00 am	The George Ward Service	Onehouse

Ascension Day

Our service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on Wednesday, 13th May at Trinity Hall in Onehouse will celebrate Ascension Day which falls on the following day. All are welcome and the service will be followed by the village coffee morning.

Forthcoming Events

- 11th May** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse
- 11th May** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green, Harleston
- 12th May** – Onehouse APCM/PCC, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse
- 14th May** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs
- 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-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **11th May 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 New Testament reading is taken from Acts 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like

gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 14.15-21: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

Intercessions

Gracious God, you are anything but unknown to us for you made us, our world and everything in it and so we pray with one voice, proclaiming your presence to all the earth.

Holy God we pray for your church throughout the world, for sceptics and believers, for all those who seek God at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews, for all who search for life. We pray for the stillness to listen to the voice of the Spirit and to recognise what our personal relationship with you has done for us.

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

Creator God, we pray for prime ministers and presidents and for all who wield power, that they may be guided by the Spirit of Truth and live and work to the greater glory of you.

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

Loving God, on this Rogation Sunday we pray for our farmers, growers and all employed in the agricultural sector, for livestock and arable, horticulture and allied trades. For those who live and work in our neighbourhood and those across the nation.

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

Loving God, we pray for the sick and troubled, for the fearful and alone, for those in pain at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews. We pray that all who suffer, may feel the Spirits healing presence.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those kept fresh in our memory and for those long forgotten, for all who have taken the final breath of life. We pray for mercy and forgiveness for the dead and those who mourn them, may they find rest in the Spirit's embrace and we commend them to your keeping for ever.

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

God of heaven and earth, companion in life, Spirit of truth, to you alone we turn our eyes and lift our hearts. Help us as we go out into the world to keep your commandments and to love one another as you love us.

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

Services for 17th May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day

9.30 am	Patronal Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Cheryl Phillipson and Hazel Mann. 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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