

The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

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



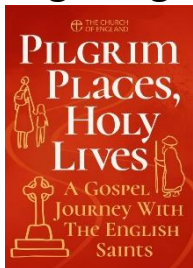
WELCOME

As we keep in touch, pray and support each other

26th July 2026 : The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Pilgrimage Short Course and Quiet Day



Our short course continues exploring the ancient practice of pilgrimage. The course takes place at **Trinity Hall, Onehouse**, at 10am on the 30th July, 6th August and 13th August. If you would like to book a place please let Revd Sarah know. Following on from the course we will be holding a benefice quiet day on Saturday, 5th September in Stowupland. The day will be led by Revd Canon Mark Haworth, Cathedral Chaplain, on the

theme of pilgrimage. The venue is Stowupland Church Hall with a start time of 10am for coffee, please bring a packed lunch with you and we anticipate the day finishing by around 3pm. There is no cost involved but donations would be welcomed. Places are limited so please email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com to book a place.

Forthcoming Events

27th July – Great Finborough PCC meeting, 7pm at St Andrew's church, Great Finborough

30th July – Pilgrimage Course, 10am, at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

30th July – Shelland PCC, 7.30pm King Charles the Martyr church, Shelland

1st August – Buxhall Church Open Day, 10am to 3pm, St

Mary's church, Buxhall

3rd August – Little Finborough PCC meeting, 7.30pm at St Mary's church, Little Finborough

30th July – Pilgrimage Course, 10am, at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

8th August – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

10th August – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

10th August – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green, Harleston



Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **27th July 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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Romans 8.26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or

sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52 : Glory to you O Lord

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

Intercessions

Holy God, we bring our prayers to you in the power of your Spirit which unites us, trusting that you will hear our prayers for the world, ourselves and for the church. We thank you for the generations of people who have followed you in the past, especially those who have guided and inspired us. Help us speak to your word of truth with confidence and in unity, so that those who are searching and listening for you, will be able to see and hear clearly your message of love and grace for them.

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

Creator God, we pray for people and nations of our world whose voices are not heard as they struggle with the effects of war, flood, famine, wild-fires or drought; where anger, hatred and greed seek to destroy any hope of peace. We thank you for the many organisations who seek to bring relief, support and peace to the needy of our world.

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

Father God, we thank you for all the people who continue to work so hard to keep us safe. The Police, Fire Service, Paramedics and NHS. We pray for our neighbours and the people we know, that as we meet with them, you will give us understanding and insight into their cares and needs, to enable us to love, help and serve them.

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

Gracious God, we pray for people we know who are ill, anxious or bereaved, for those who are lonely or living alone, and for those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens due to the economic effects of the rising cost of living. We pray that you will lead them, and us, towards the answers to their problems and your healing and wholeness.

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

Loving God, we pray for all who have died, may their souls rest in peace and rise in glory. We hold before you all who mourn, may they be surrounded by your loving presence at this time of sadness.

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

Heavenly Father, we offer ourselves to you in faith and confidence. Fill us with your Holy Spirit to guide and lead us. Show us, as we go out into the world how we can best serve you and be your people in our community.

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

Service for 2nd August : The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including David Mason. 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=doep7y6JYxvOllXsxROxnbezlda9ME.1>

Meeting ID: 470 378 1299 – Password: Benefice

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