

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

16th August 2026: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

* Please use the Zoom link on the final page of this pew sheet

Quiet Day

Our benefice quiet day will be held on Saturday, 5th September, led by Revd Canon Mark Haworth, Cathedral Chaplain, on the theme of pilgrimage, at Stowupland Church Hall. Starting at 10am for coffee, please bring a packed lunch with you and we hope to finish around 3.30pm. There is no cost involved but donations would be welcomed. Places are limited so please email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com to book a place.

Ride and Stride – 12th September 2026

Cyclists, walkers, vintage and classic car owners and even horse-riders, can start to plan their route for Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride and Pedal and Drive day, which will be held on **Saturday 12th September**. Details of how to get involved are now in churches and on this website [Ride and Stride – Suffolk Historic Churches Trust](https://www.suffolkchurches.org.uk/ride-and-stride). All of our churches will be open from 9am to 5pm and if you would like to be involved by riding and striding for sponsorship (half of the money raised comes back to our churches) or welcoming people to our churches please email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com.

Forthcoming Events



- 19th August** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, St Andrew's, Great Finborough
22nd August – Stroll & Salad at Shelland, see poster above for details
23rd August – Pet Service, 3pm, Harleston Green, Harleston (please bring a chair)

24th August – Buxhall PCC meeting, 7.30pm at St Mary's, Buxhall

26th August – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at Combs Rectory

2nd September – Harleston PCC meeting, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

5th September – Quiet Day, 10am to 3.30pm at Stowupland Church Hall (details above)

10th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **24th August 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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Genesis 45.1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep

alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 15.21-28 : Glory to you O Lord

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Intercessions

Let us pray to God our Father believing that Jesus prays alongside us, sharing our concerns and knowing our needs and the needs of the world.

We pray for God’s church throughout the world and for all who follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We pray that we may put away all falsehood and division between us so that united in Christ we may offer the Bread of Life to a world hungry for love and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all national leaders especially those in authority in areas of conflict and where there is great need of food and clean water, medical supplies and the possibility of living life in safety and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our communities, for the people we encounter in the places where we

live and work and worship. We pray that as Christ loves us so may we love our neighbours who are also our brothers and sisters.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any kind of distress or anxiety that they will know the presence of Christ alongside them in their darkness keeping them safe and leading them always into deeper fellowship with him.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ill, the lonely and distressed. We pray for healing and wholeness in their lives, help us to bring life and love, joy and hope, to those who live in despair.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember the souls of your servants now fallen asleep and for those who are saddened by their passing. Be with the bereaved in their loneliness and give them the faith to look beyond their present troubles to your Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again and who lives forevermore.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord we offer these prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts to you now and ask that you will take them and use them and us to further the work of your kingdom.

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

Services for 23rd August: The Twelfth 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
3.00 pm	Pet Blessing Service	Harleston Green

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=doep7y6JYxvOIIxSxROxnbezlda9ME.1>

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