

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

13th September 2026 : The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Patronal Sung Eucharist	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Great Finborough

Mission Direct Trip to Zambia 2026

A great big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported my mission to build educational facilities at schools in Lusaka, Zambia. We painted 3 classrooms and an office at Kiine Primary and 2 classrooms at the 'Kumbaya Primary School' in a very poor area of Lusaka. We progressed as far as we were physically able at the 'Crown of Life School' building the walls of a nursery classroom. Very many, and sincere thanks, to all those who contributed to my JustGiving page. *Liz Beale, Harleston*

Forthcoming Events



14th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

14th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green, Harleston

16th September – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Great Finborough Church

19th September – Ploughman's Lunches and Afternoon Tea at Little Finborough church, 12.30pm to 4pm and the church will be open from 8am to 7pm to view the church decorated for the Harvest Festival

25th September – Onehouse Harvest Supper, 6.00 for 6.30pm, tickets are £15, with Chicken and Ham Pie/Salmon/Vegetarian alternative, plus a selection of salads and a variety of desserts. Please email Sylvia Emsden for tickets theemsdens@hotmail.com

8th October – Churchwardens meeting, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

10th October – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Buxhall Village Hall

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **21st September 2026** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794 for further details. All 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord,

every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’ So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 18.21-35: Glory to you O Lord

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

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

Intercessions

Holy God, you have called us here today; and so as we gather in your house we offer to you our prayers which stem from our love for you and our love and concern for those we love and for the people of the world.

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

Lord God, when the Church joins together, we can show people a much fuller picture of Jesus and His Kingdom. We pray for your church, and the churches in our local community, and ask that there will be a growing desire to get together.

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

Creator God, we pray not only for the victims but for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world; for all governments which run on corruption and fear. We pray for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living, and the courage to reject wrong principles.

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

Father God, forgive us when we waste our lives by being too busy to enjoy your creation. Teach us how to make spaces in the day to do the things we most enjoy. Just as you rested from your work, help us to practise the discipline of recreation and help us to become your hands and feet in our communities.

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

Loving God, help those we know and love to turn away from habits which are harmful to them. Help them to turn to you in times of crisis, rather than reaching for quick-fix solutions. Lord, we also bring to you those we know who are ill or suffering in any way. Give them healing and restore them in body, mind and spirit.

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

Mighty God, we remember in your presence all those who have died, and particularly those we have known and loved. Thank you for them and thank you for your promise of eternal life and peace. Be close to those who are recently bereaved, strengthen them with the knowledge that you are always there to lean on and to be carried through difficult times.

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

Faithful God, at the start of this new week, help us to be an example to others and show us the practical steps we need to take to develop consistency and integrity in all that we do in our lives.

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

Services for 20th September : Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Harvest Festival	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom

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=doep7y6JYxvOIIIXsxROxnbezlda9ME.1>

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