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

1st November 2026 : All Saints' Day

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom Service*
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs
6.00 pm	All Souls' Service	Great Finborough

* please use the Zoom link on the back page of this pew sheet

Toys for Ukraine - Volunteer Gift Wrapping Day -28th November 2026

For the fifth consecutive year, the Plant and Hire Aid Alliance will be sending Christmas gifts to displaced Ukrainian children living close to the front line. There are already 60 pallets of toys collected and they will be wrapped at Claydon High School in Claydon on 28th November from 9am to 6pm, where approximately 180 volunteers are needed to help prepare them for their journey to Ukraine. If you would like to volunteer please sign up using this link: https://aid-alliance.com/events/wrapathon-2026/.

Forthcoming Events

2nd November – Little Finborough PCC, 7.30pm at Combs Rectory, Combs Ford
9th November – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse
9th November – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm at Harleston church
14th November – Buxhall Tea Room and Christmas Fayre, 12pm to 3pm at the Village Hall, Buxhall
16th November – Onehouse PCC, 7.30pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse
21st November – Christmas Fayre, 10am to 12pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse
25th November – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at Combs Rectory, Combs Ford
28th November – Autumn Supper, Pettiward Hall, Great Finborough, 7.30pm, further details from Peter Turner email p.turner125@btinternet.com
29th November – Benefice Service with guest preacher, the Diocesan Agricultural Chaplain, 10am at Buxhall church
30th November – Buxhall PCC, 7.30pm at Buxhall church
9th December – Harleston PCC, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **2nd November 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 All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 Revelation 7.9-end

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 5.1-12 : Glory to you O Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Intercessions

Let us pray to God, whose saints have witnessed to his glory.
Everlasting God, we pray that your Church, built on the foundation of the saints, will be faithful to the teaching of Christ so that it reflects his likeness. Lord and Father, as you kindled the flame of your love in the hearts of the saints, give to us the same faith and power of love; that, we may benefit from their unselfish examples.
Lord in your mercy**: Hear our prayer**
Creator God, we pray for those who represent us in government both here in the UK and throughout the world. May they be men and women of integrity, guided by a desire for public service and a love of the truth. We ask that they also be just and compassionate, so that all peoples may be led in the ways of righteousness and mercy.
Lord in your mercy**: Hear our prayer**
Father God, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. May we not so much seek to be consoled as to console, not so much to be understood as to understand, not so much to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**
Gracious God, in the Garden of Gethsemane you shared with everyone who has ever been afraid. You conquered fear with love and returned from death itself saying 'Do not be afraid'. In the light of your love death has lost its sting, and so has fear. We pray for those who are suffering with ill health, Lord may your love be the key that

releases us from suffering and fear.
Lord in your mercy**: Hear our prayer**
Merciful God, give us the grace to follow in the footsteps of the saints, as they followed in the footsteps of your holy Son. Keep alive in us the memory of those dear to ourselves whom you have called to yourself, and grant that every remembrance which turns our hearts from things seen to things unseen may lead us always upwards to you until we come to our eternal rest.
Lord in your mercy**: Hear our prayer**
Faithful God, we thank you for the example of all the saints and as we go from our worship into the world help us to follow in their footsteps with courage and hope determined, like them, to do your work and live the Gospel of your Son.
Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Services for 8th November : Remembrance Sunday

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Buxhall
10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Great Finborough
10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Combs
10.50am	Remembrance Service	Onehouse
3.00 pm	Act of Remembrance	Little Finborough

11th November: Remembrance Day

10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Harleston Green

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Marian Stiff and David Warne.
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=doep7y6JYxv0IIXsxROxnbezIda9ME.1
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