

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

11th October 2026 : The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough

Forthcoming Events



- 12th October** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse
- 12th October** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green, Harleston
- 12th October** – Combs PCC meeting, 7pm at the Rectory, Combs
- 15th October** – Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Earl Stonham
- 18th October** – Choral Evensong, 6pm at Little Finborough church (details above)
- 21st October** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Pettward Hall, Great Finborough
- 21st October** – Great Finborough PCC meeting, 7pm at Great Finborough church
- 24th October** – Shelland Church Afternoon tea, see poster above for booking details
- 26th October** – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Village Hall, Buxhall
- 26th October** – Shelland PCC, 7.30pm at New Farm Granary, Shelland

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **19th October 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Isaiah 25.1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 22.1-14: Glory to you O Lord

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to

call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God, you promised that your presence would always go with your chosen people, so we pray that we too may always find you accompanying us on our life journey and that ultimately we would find your deep peace in our lives.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God we hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dearly as our own needs. Help us to love you with all our hearts and with all our souls and with all our minds and to love our neighbours as ourselves. With these commandments before us we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church throughout the world.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for the peoples of the world that they may enjoy justice whether they be poor or rich, great or small. We pray that those who use violence and terror to bring about their desires and those who then so readily seek revenge following acts of terrorism may instead pursue all that makes for peace.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has loosened our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift before you for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, your Son Jesus was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on those bereaved and grieving at the loss of a loved one; give

to their troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen in all of us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, at the start of this new week and recognising your trust in us to live and preach the Gospel make us always more ready to please you rather than to seek the praise of the secular world.

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

Services for 18th October : The Feast of St Luke the Evangelist

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

**Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Geoffrey Mitchell.
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>

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