

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

4th October 2026 : : The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

* Please use the Zoom link on the back page of this pew sheet for this service

World Mental Health Day

On **5th October** at **Meet up Monday** (see details below) we will be raising money for Suffolk Mind in aid of 'World Mental Health Day' which takes place on Saturday 10th October. At Combs Church Hall there will be a drop-in coffee morning from **11.15am - 12.30pm** for anyone who would like to come and donate to this worthy cause. If you're unable to attend but would like to donate please contact Revd Alison Lay on 01449 541794.

Forthcoming Events



8th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

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

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

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

21st October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Pettiward 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 **5th 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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 Philippians 3.4-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I

press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 21.33-end: Glory to you O Lord

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God, you want us to be a generous people offering our time, talents and money to your service. Guard us, Lord, from holding back when we should be letting go and honouring you as Lord of all we have.

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

Holy God, we thank you for your creation and remember that you entrusted it to our care as stewards. As we live each day, help us to treat our world fairly whilst receiving its goodness gratefully. Help us to remember that you are the giver of all we have and to put aside pride of ownership.

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

Father God, we pray for your church and especially for Christians who are persecuted for their faith. We give thanks for all who minister within your churches in every type of role as they work to spread the good news of the Gospel.

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

Loving God, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain, bereavement, anxiety and depression. We pray that they may have an awareness of your presence and an understanding that you are bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

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

Merciful God, we remember with thankfulness and gratitude all those who have left their mark on our lives by giving us love and laughter, but who have now gone before us to be with Christ. We hold them in our hearts, knowing that you, Lord, hold them in yours.

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

Gracious God, you have called and chosen us to spread the good news of your son to the world. As we go out to another week help us to give the message to all we meet, at home, at work, in our leisure time and in our community.

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

Services for 11th October : 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

**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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