The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

Buxhall, Combs, Gt and Lt Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUFFOLK

WELCOME

As we keep in touch, pray and support each other

8th November 2026 : 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
10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Onehouse
3.00 pm	Act of Remembrance	Little Finborough

11th November 2026 : Armistice Day

10.50 am	Remembrance Service	Harleston Green

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

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 16th November from 10.30am to 12.30pm, please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794 if you require further details. 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 Remembrance Sunday
Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 25.1-13 : Glory to you O Lord
'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When

the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Intercessions
Loving God, we recognise our responsibility to encourage and uphold one another and to live together in peace and love. We also recognise our needs and our human weaknesses and come to you now with our prayers and petitions.
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**
Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language, and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination.
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**
Mighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women who serve in the Navy, the Army, or the Air Force, at home and abroad. Defend all who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety and give them courage to face the perils of active service. Comfort all worried families, whose loved ones are in danger: surround them with your love, protect them from all harm and help them to know that nothing can separate them from your love.
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**
Gracious God, we pray for medics and chaplains, and all who support the suffering: give them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience to minister to the sick and wounded and to all prisoners and captives. We especially pray for all who returned from the field of combat with injuries both physical and mental which have ruined their young lives and for the charities and organisations which support them in their convalescence.
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**
Merciful God, we pray for those fallen in battle who gave their lives in the cause of freedom and in defence of peace and justice. We remember too all civilians and

non-combatants who died in the fighting: surround all who are bereaved with compassion, and give them a patient faith in their suffering.
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**
Everlasting God, wash away the wounds of war, violence, and hatred, help us to recognise how blessed Jesus named the peacemakers and to know that if we really wish for a peaceful world we should honestly pray – "Let it begin with me."
Merciful Father: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Services for 15th November : Safeguarding Sunday

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

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Marian Stiff, David Warne and Albert Manning. 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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