

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

23rd August 2026: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough
3.00 pm	Pet Blessing Service	Harleston Green*

* Please bring a chair and your pet!

Quiet Day

Our benefice quiet day will be held on Saturday, 5th September, led by Revd Canon Mark Haworth, Cathedral Chaplain, on the theme of pilgrimage, at Stowupland Church Hall. Starting at 10am for coffee, please bring a packed lunch with you and we hope to finish around 3.30pm. There is no cost involved but donations would be welcomed. Places are limited so please email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com to book a place.

Ride and Stride – 12th September 2026

Cyclists, walkers, vintage and classic car owners and even horse-riders, can start to plan their route for Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride and Pedal and Drive day, which will be held on **Saturday 12th September**. Details of how to get involved are now in churches and on this website [Ride and Stride – Suffolk Historic Churches Trust](https://www.suffolkchurches.org.uk/ride-and-stride). All of our churches will be open from 9am to 5pm and if you would like to be involved by riding and striding for sponsorship (half of the money raised comes back to our churches) or welcoming people to our churches please email revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com.

Forthcoming Events



24th August – Buxhall PCC meeting, 7.30pm at St Mary's, Buxhall

26th August – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at Combs Rectory

2nd September – Harleston PCC meeting, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

3rd September – Installation of Revd Toby Tate as Vicar at Stowmarket church, 7.30pm

5th September – Quiet Day, 10am to 3.30pm at Stowupland Church Hall (details above)

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

12th September – Messy Church for Harvest! 10.30am to 12pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse. Crafts, stories, food and a real tractor to celebrate the harvest! Places must be booked by emailing Revd Sarah revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com

12th September – Ride and Stride, 9am to 5pm at all churches in the benefice, details above

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

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **24th August 2026** from 10.30am to 12.30pm, for further details please contact Revd Alison on 01449 541794. 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 the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the

renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 16.13-20: Glory to you O Lord

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Intercessions

God of all joy, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross.

We pray for the church. Grant wisdom to all who minister in your name, strength to all who are being persecuted for your sake, and perseverance to us all on the journey of faith.

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

We pray for our world. God of all power, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children. May all that unites us prevail over that which divides, all that is just and true over injustice and falsehood, all that nourishes and heals over that which exploits and destroys, and all that brings peace and reconciliation over violence and fear.

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

We pray for all who are suffering. God of all comfort, our very present help in trouble, look with the eyes of your mercy on all who suffer, in body, mind or spirit; console them with a sense of your presence; preserve them from the enemy; and shelter and surround them with love. Guide the hands of healers and the hearts of aid workers; bless all caregivers and advocates; and watch over all who are dying, and over those who watch and wait with them.

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

We pray for the souls of the departed. God of all grace, grant your peace to those we love, but see no longer. Let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will.

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

We pray for ourselves. God of all, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, that we may dwell in your presence and come to see you face to face.

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

We gather up and offer our prayers to the one who inspires and answers.

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

Services for 30th August: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am

Benefice Holy Communion

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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=doep7y6JYxvOIIxsROxnbezlda9ME.1>

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