

The Combs and Finborough News Sheet

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



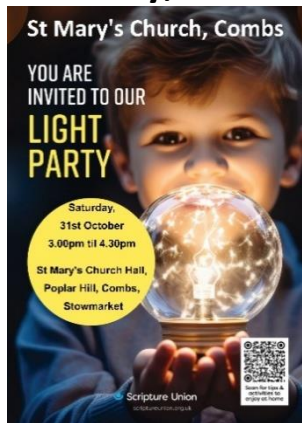
WELCOME

As we keep in touch, pray and support each other

25th October 2026 : The Last 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

Saturday, 31st October at Combs Church Hall – Light Party!



We are going to be holding a Light Party for primary school aged children on the 31st October, from 3pm to 4.30pm at Combs Church Hall on Poplar Hill. There will be light-themed games and fun including making shadow puppets and trying Glow Stick bowling. We will also explore a couple of bible stories – we may even act them out using our shadow puppets, it's sure to be fun! All children will need to be accompanied by their parent or guardian throughout the session and drinks and refreshments will be provided.

All Souls' Service on Sunday, 1st November

Our annual All Souls' service will take place on Sunday, 1st November, 6pm at St Andrew's church, Great Finborough to remember those who have died. All most welcome to this gentle service of remembrance and thanksgiving. If you would like the names of your loved ones who are no longer with us to be read out during the service please email Revd Sarah revdsarahjenkins@gmail.com. Many thanks.

Forthcoming Events

26th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

26th October – Shelland PCC, 7.30pm at New Farm Granary, Shelland

31st October – Light Party, 3pm to 4.30pm, Combs Church Hall – details above

1st November – All Souls service, 6pm at Great Finborough church – a quiet, reflective opportunity to remember those who have died in the past year

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, Pettward Hall, Great Finborough, 7.30pm, further details from Peter Turner email p.turner125@btinternet.com

30th November – Buxhall PCC, 7.30pm at Buxhall church

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 the Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 2.1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God

who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 22.34- end: Glory to you O Lord

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Intercessions

Everlasting God, you made a covenant with our ancestors and pledged them descendants more numerous than the stars. Grant that all people may share in the blessings of your covenant, accomplished through the death and resurrection of your Son and sealed by the gift of your Spirit.

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 here in our benefice and 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**

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

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Loving God of all consolation, 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**

Gracious God, at the start of this new week, 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 1st November: 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 remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Marian Stiff.

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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