

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

17th May 2026 : The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday after Ascension Day

9.30 am	Patronal Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
6.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom Meeting*

* The link for our Zoom service can be found on the back page of this pew sheet

Forthcoming Events

18th May – Buxhall APCM/PCC, 7pm at Buxhall Church

19th May – Little Finborough APCM/PCC, 7pm at Little Finborough Church

20th May – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Great Finborough Church

26th May – Harleston APCM/PCC, 6.30pm at Harleston Church

8th June – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

8th June – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green, Harleston

10th June – Ministry Team meeting, 2pm at The Rectory, Combs

13th June – Messy Church with Noah's Ark!, 10.30am to 12pm, Trinity Hall, Onehouse

13th June – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

16th June – Archdeacon's Visitation service, 7pm at St Mary's church, Bacton

17th June – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Great Finborough church

22nd June – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Village Hall, Buxhall

23rd June – Deanery Synod, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Earl Stonham

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will be a special and will take place on **1st June 2026** from 11.30am to 1.30pm, to book a ticket 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 Acts 1.6-14

So, when the disciples had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from John 17.1-11: Glory to you O Lord

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given

him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

Intercessions

Almighty God, may our prayers ascend to you just as Jesus Christ, your son, was taken up to heaven. As we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus let it inspire in us feelings of joy and hope rather than fear and separation as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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

Creator God, we pray for our troubled world, its peoples and their leaders. We pray for those caught up in war, and violence, and hatred; especially the innocent victims of these evils and those who are abused because of Christ. May peace abound and righteousness flourish, that we may vanquish injustice and wrong and that the suffering won't last forever.

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

Father God, we pray for all the people that we encounter in our daily lives. Help us to recognise Christ in one another however stressed and tired they may be. We ask that you help us to recognise the risen Christ in the face of someone we meet today and give us an opportunity to brighten their day with a smile or a word.

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

Loving God, we pray for all those in need; for those who are filled with guilt; who are broken-hearted; who are confused and afraid; or saddened because a relationship has broken down. We pray for all suffering from illness, particularly those requesting our prayers and give joyful thanks for those on the road to recovery.

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

Merciful God, we pray for all who have died; especially those who encouraged us in our faith by their example. As we pray for them, may they in turn continue to pray

for us that we may stay true to our faith and give the same kind of example ourselves to others.

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

Faithful God, as we go out into the coming week make us mindful that we should constantly pray for your world and your people just as Jesus, your son, prayed for his disciples before returning to you.

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

Services for 24th May: Pentecost, Whit Sunday

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

Please remember the families and loved ones of those who have recently died including Hazel Mann and Margaret Boyce. 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=doep7y6JYxv0IIXsROxnbezlda9ME.1>

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