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

15th November 2026 : Safeguarding Sunday

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Evensong	Little Finborough

* Please note there is no service of Compline on Zoom today

Meet Up Monday – 16th November 2026

Meet Up Monday is back on the 16th November, 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Church Hall on Poplar Hill in Combs. Recently we held a fundraising event for Suffolk MIND, our local mental health charity, and the grand sum of £120.17 was raised, thank you to everyone who joined us at that event.

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

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 the Rectory, Combs Ford

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 Safeguarding Sunday
Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings
The New Testament reading is taken from 1 Corinthians 13
If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now

we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.
This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 10.25-37 : Glory to you O Lord
Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Intercessions
God of love, who loved us first,
And who in Jesus, showed us how to love others,
Forgive us for the times we've looked away,
Or stayed silent when we should have spoken up
Teach us to love as you love.
God of compassion, who sees the overlooked,
And draws near the hurting and exploited,
Help us to see with your eyes, listen with your ears,
And give us courage to stand with those who are not heard.
Teach us to love as you love.
God of truth, who shines light into darkness,
Who reveals what is hidden and unspoken,
Free us from our shame, our denial, and fear,
Lead us in the way of honesty, openness and healing.

Teach us to love as you love.
God of protection, our place of safety and refuge,
May your church be a place where:
Power is used to serve,
People find belonging,
And love is made real in what we say and do.
Teach us to love as you love,
With love that protects, always. Amen.

Services for 22nd November : Sunday next before Advent, Christ the King

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Patronal Holy Communion	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=doep7y6JYxv0IIXsxROxnbezIda9ME.1
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