

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

20th September 2026 : Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
3.00 pm	Harvest Festival	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom*

* Please use the Zoom link on the back page of this pew sheet to join the service

World Mental Health Day

On **5th October** at **Meet up Monday** (see details below) we will be raising money for Suffolk Mind in aid of 'World Mental Health Day' which takes place on Saturday 10th October. At Combs Church Hall there will be a drop-in coffee morning from **11.15am - 12.30pm** for anyone who would like to come and donate to this worthy cause. If you're unable to attend but would like to donate please contact Revd Alison Lay on 01449 541794.

Forthcoming Events



25th September – Onehouse Harvest Supper, 6.00 for 6.30pm, tickets are £15, with Chicken and Ham Pie/Salmon/Vegetarian alternative, plus a selection of salads and a variety of desserts. Please email Sylvia Emsden for tickets theemsdens@hotmail.com

8th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 10am to 12pm, Combs Green, Combs

8th October – Churchwardens meeting, 7pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

10th October – Buxhall Tea Room, 12pm to 3pm at Buxhall Village Hall

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

12th October – Rural Coffee Caravan, 2pm to 4pm, Harleston Green, Harleston

12th October – Combs PCC meeting, 7pm at the Rectory, Combs

15th October – Deanery Synod, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Earl Stonham

21st October – Great Finborough PCC meeting, 7pm at Great Finborough church

24th October – Shelland Church Afternoon tea, see poster above for booking details

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

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

Meet Up Mondays in Church Hall, Combs

Our next meeting will take place on **21st September 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 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son 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 2 Corinthians 4.1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

The Holy Gospel is taken from Matthew 9.9-13: Glory to you O Lord

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him

and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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

Intercessions

Mighty God, with confidence in your mercy and inspired by the witness of Saint Matthew, we bring our prayers before you.

God of mercy, you chose a tax collector, Saint Matthew, to share the work of the Apostles. In doing so, you showed us that with you, all things are possible, and that though we are sinners, we too can answer your call to evangelize the world. We pray for anyone thinking about their faith and how to deepen and spread the Good News at this time.

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

Creator God, we pray for all who work in finance, government, or public service: That they may act with integrity and compassion, inspired by Saint Matthew's transformation from tax collector to servant of the Gospel.

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

Father God, Saint Matthew was a disciple of Jesus and a former tax collector, so we pray for all those we know facing financial struggles. Help them to manage their resources wisely and remain faithful to your call, even amidst worldly temptations. We pray for those being supported by Christians Against Poverty and the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

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

God of wisdom, Saint Matthew was chosen from an unlikely path to become a pillar of the Church, and so we pray for those discerning their vocation. May they hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Follow me," and respond with faith and joy. We also pray for those returning to college or university, or starting a new course or apprenticeship, as they study for their future career or vocation.

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

Loving God, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain, bereavement, worry and depression. We pray for those whose illness stems from anxiety, that they may have an awareness of your presence and an understanding that you are bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

Lord, in your Mercy: **hear our prayer**

Merciful God, through your love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Comfort those who grieve in their sorrow and those who are worried about how they will cope on their own and reassure them that you will

never leave them to carry the burdens of life unaided. May the faithful, much beloved and missed departed rest in peace.

Lord, in your Mercy: **hear our prayer**

Everlasting God, we ask you to lead us into the coming week, help us to believe that you are close by us, keep us from making mistakes and help us never to disappoint you through our words and actions.

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

Services for 27th September : The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Harvest Festival	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

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=doep7y6JYxvOllXsxROxnbezlda9ME.1>

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