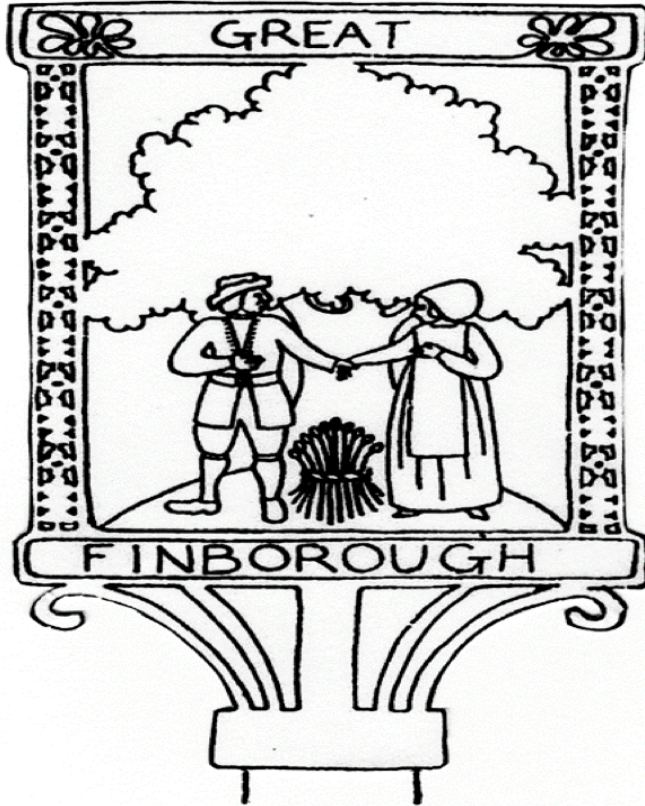


# **GREAT FINBOROUGH NEWSLETTER**



**FEBRUARY 2018  
ISSUE 485**



## **VILLAGE DIARY – FEBRUARY**

5	2pm	Yoga, Pettiward Hall
5	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
8	7.30pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
12	2pm	Yoga, Pettiward Hall
13	9.30-11am	Coffee Morning, Chestnut Horse
13	7pm	Film Night, Pettiward Hall
16	4.10pm	Mobile Library, Oak Close
19	2pm	Yoga, Pettiward Hall
19	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
26	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall

## **VILLAGE DIARY – MARCH**

5	6pm	Brownies, Pettiward Hall
8	7pm	Garden Club, Pettiward Hall
12	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Pettiward Hall
16	4.10pm	Mobile Library, Oak Close

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018**

12 March

9 April

14 May Annual Parish Meeting  
7.30pm in Pettiward Hall

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## **Editorial**

May I start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and here's hoping that your Christmas and New Year festivities went well.

As usual, the village had a very hectic Christmas period that also saw the grand opening of the church Loo and Kitchenette which has been long awaited. Once again, thank you to all who assisted in any way. Denzil the donkey made his annual appearance at the Crib festival, the turnout was very good for Carols in the Chestnut Horse (shame about the singing), the garden club Christmas party was well attended and we even had a few snowflakes at the start of December to get us in the mood.

Unfortunately, the Post Office mobile van service has been terminated for the time being, other ways of providing this service are currently being explored. Thank you to all who took the time to make use of this service despite the regular hiccups in attendance. The mobile library service is still in attendance, dates and time can be found inside the back cover of this newsletter.

We would like to wish a warm welcome to the village to Eunice Burton who has moved in to Finborough Court, Pilgrims way. Also, best wishes to Marion and Phil Mason who have moved to Stowmarket. Over the years they have fully participated in all aspects of village life and will be sorely missed. I'm sure we will still see them for the odd drink in the village pub (your round Phil!). If you know of anybody who has recently moved into or away from the village and would like a mention, please let me know.

The 15 February 2018 is the deadline for inclusions for the March issue of the newsletter, so please contact Simon Tarabella or Peter Turner, or drop in to Maple Lodge, the kettle's always on. Finally, young and old alike, forget Valentine's day at your own peril!

**Simon Tarabella**

## **Great Finborough Parish Council**

At the first meeting of the new year of the Parish Council on Monday 15 January the following items were discussed and decisions made:

- Reports from County and District Councillors. Councillor Matthissen's report is included in the newsletter. Items to note were the termination of the PO van service (see letter page 28) and the proposed A14 roadworks which are described in the letter following Councillor Matthissen's report.
- Planning – Decisions noted.
- Finance – Approved monthly payments and precept request form signed.
- Defibrillator Training – Now that the defibrillator is in use, training is being organised for early March. Details will be promulgated in next month's newsletter, on the village notice board, the Parish website and on the social media app, Nextdoor.
- Neighbourhood Plan – The Parish clerk gave an overview of the neighbourhood planning framework and what is needed to be done in order to produce a valid plan that will be formally adopted. This overview can be accessed on the Parish website. As the formulation and implementation of the various planning stages requires the whole village community to buy into and help produce the plan it was considered that a poll would be taken at the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 14 May to see if there is interest in proceeding with this matter. If anyone has any strong views on this matter, please contact any of your village councillors who will be pleased to offer more information on the subject.

With there being no more matters to be brought to the Parish Councils attention the meeting was closed. The next meeting is on Monday 12 March in the upstairs meeting room, Pettiward Hall at 7.30pm. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

**Parish Council**

## Great Finborough Lent Lunch



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## **News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen**

### **Food bank**

Pressure on the Stowmarket food bank has continued through the Christmas period, and is likely to increase with Universal Credit, now due to be rolled out to all claimants from April this year. Tinned and dried food and items such as toilet rolls and nappies can be left in trolleys at most local supermarkets and churches.

### **Recycling**

You may have read that the Chinese Government is no longer willing to receive sorted plastic for recycling from July this year. This will put increased pressure on the UK recycling industry, and one way of helping will be to maintain and increase the quality of recycled plastics, for example by washing containers and excluding polythene bags from our green bins. It remains the case that aluminium such as drinks cans and takeaway containers is the most valuable material to go in the green bin, followed by steel cans which are also easy to separate and recycle.

### **Mid Suffolk proposed merger with Babergh**

Although Mid Suffolk has begun "engagement" with residents on this matter, Babergh councillors have expressed misgivings to the extent that their Leader has resigned and been replaced by a councillor who has committed to a referendum about the merger. This has put the two councils on very different tracks and I can only report that this situation is confused. Some of you will have been telephoned by a survey company working on behalf of Mid Suffolk asking various questions about the proposed merger. My own view is that the merger should not go ahead without a referendum of all Mid Suffolk residents or following an election at which candidates make clear whether they are in favour or against. This would bring Mid Suffolk into line with the current intentions of Babergh district in so far as I understand them.

### **A14 closures**

Along with representatives of many local villages I attended a briefing by Highways England recently and asked that they urgently provide the letter which they will be circulating to households within 5 miles of the Woolpit to Haughley section of the A14. The text is appended.

## **A14 J47A-49 Haughley – carriageway repairs**

I am writing to provide you with details about repairs to the concrete carriageway we are carrying out on the A14 between junctions 47a and 49 near Haughley on behalf of Highways England. This scheme forms part of a wider package of works to deliver essential maintenance and improvements on A12, A11, A14 and A120 in Essex and Suffolk.

This work will take place on both east and westbound carriageways and will involve concrete bay replacement, localised concrete repairs, crack sealing, along with road marking renewal and new reflective studs.

Work will begin on **12 February 2018** and we plan to be finished by 4 March 2018.

We will be working overnight between Monday and Friday 8pm – 6am.

### **Traffic restrictions**

To complete this work safely and minimise disruption to the travelling public, the A14 carriageway will be closed between junctions 47a and 49. Clearly-signed diversion routes will be in place:

Eastbound from J47a via the old A14 and Tot Hill to J49

Westbound from J49 via Tot Hill, then Stowmarket Road, Elmswell Road, Wetherden Road, Cross Street, and Church Road to J47

Our programme of works is weather dependant and may be subject to change.

Find out more and contact us

The information contained here is correct at the time of publishing. For the latest information please sign up to our weekly information bulletin by emailing [Area6Comms@osborne.co.uk](mailto:Area6Comms@osborne.co.uk) with 'subscribe' in the subject field.

If you have any enquiries please contact the Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000, or e-mail [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk).

I would like to thank you for your patience while we deliver these essential works.

Yours sincerely      Peter Alexander      Construction Manager      -  
Osborne

**John Matthissen**

## **The Pettiward Hall**

### **"Little Ernie"**

The winners in the December lottery were Dorothy Rham and Ken & Betty Bottomley and in January they were Judith Hickman and Geoff Poulding. Information about the new lottery starting in April will be published in the March newsletter.

### **Hall Hire**

The hall makes a great venue for family celebrations and children's parties. Hire charges for the main hall for village residents are £8 per hour from May-September and £10.50 per hour from October-April. All electricity costs and use of the kitchen are included in these rates. The first-floor community rooms are suitable for small gatherings, meetings and training sessions. There is a stair lift and disabled toilet. Charges for these rooms are £5 and £5.50 per hour. Please contact me (see back page) for further details.

**Mary Preece**

A graphic advertisement for Bargewell Skip Hire. It features a large, dark grey shield-like shape with a black outline. Inside the shield, the text is arranged as follows: 'BARGEWELL SKIP HIRE' in large, bold, black capital letters at the top. Below this, a white rectangular box contains the text '2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 yard skips', 'Long or short term hire', 'Delivery service 7 days a week', and 'Fast friendly service' in black text. At the bottom of the shield, the text 'Stowmarket 01449 615056' is in bold black, followed by 'Mobile: 07770 452378' in regular black. The bottom-most line of text, 'High Rd, Gt Finborough, Suffolk' and 'www.bargewellskiphire.com', is in a smaller font, with 'Credit cards accepted' below it.

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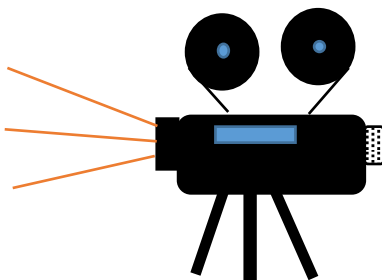
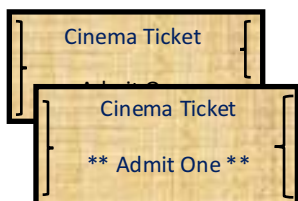
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### **Pettiward Hall**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

- Screening commences at 7.00pm
- Complimentary tea & biscuits in the interval
- Tickets: Adults £5 Children (under 16) £3
- Tickets can be purchased on the door.

For more information please contact **Norman Vendittelli** on 07930 33858

## **Great Finborough & District Garden Club**

The past Garden Club year has been very busy, as the members were encouraged to plant, grow and harvest by presentations from a wide ranging group of speakers and garden visits.

The social side of the club started with Open Gardens and the now traditional "Presidents lawn" BBQ, followed by the Club members BBQ at "The Little House". Our final social event of 2017 took place in the Pettiward Hall on 7 December. The Christmas quiz over nibbles and mulled wine was another resounding success with many club members enjoying an evening of garden related quizzes, good food and good company. For an extra treat we were treated to, and joined in with, carols played by the Buxhall handbell ringers.

The horticultural aspect of the club was maintained by a variety of talks and visits to other open gardens. The charitable side of the club's activities focused on the organization of Open Gardens to raise money which was donated equally between the Pettiward Hall and EACH.

The Club opens 2018 with the meeting on 8 February, to be held as usual in the upper room of the Pettiward Hall at 7:30pm. Our speaker is to be Leon Patterson who is a local ceramicist who supplies the National Trust. He will be telling us how his garden inspires the illustrations on his work.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the garden club or would like to join us for any event you will be very welcome. Membership is only £15.00 per household per year or £2.50 per session for visitors. For further information contact either: John Davey or Judith Cameron (see who's who).

**Judith Cameron**

## From the Rectory February 2018

On Sunday 14 January, the congregation at St Marys Combs enjoyed Fig rolls with their coffee because on that day the Gospel reading reminded us of Nathaniel – he of 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth', fame. When Jesus saw Nathaniel, he recognised him as one who was earnestly seeking the Messiah as were many of those who frequently sat under a fig tree to pray quietly by themselves. This contrasts with the more demonstrative Pharisees. The fig tree has special symbolism for Jews. It was a fig tree that provided the covering for Adam and Eve when they hid themselves from God. It is a Fig tree that Jesus curses for not bearing fruit or having any signs of life. Nathaniel had made one great assumption about Nazareth and it 'covered' him from seeing God.



Assumptions can be our hiding places and prevent us from growing - or put another way, seeing God. Nathaniel had assumed about a certain place. Not just did something good come from Nazareth, THE GOOD ONE came from Nazareth. Nathaniel – for all his praying - was wrong. What assumptions about other places, about God, about other people, other things, other churches do you continue to make? All of us who ate a fig roll had to think about that – perhaps next time you do, you will – or sooner? Assumptions, ummmmm do they hide you from God?

## Around the parishes

**Thank you** to those who worked so hard at Christmas to decorate the churches, organise services, lead, sing and clear up after all the events. We welcomed 1,250 people to our services and over 100 at the carol singing in the Punchbowl, Shepherd and Dog and Chestnut Horse. The Handbells were heard by countless in Buxhall and Gt Finborough as was Combs choir and Buxhall friends in the Coop. Almost £2,000 was raised for charities, with more coming in from Christingle services. Thank you all for your generosity.

The Early Years/ Key Stage 1 children from **Gt Finborough Church School** filled St Mary's Buxhall with their traditional Nativity service and I was also pleased to be with them in school at their **Christingle** on Friday 8 December. They also held their Carol Service in school as sadly the heating in St Andrews wasn't up to it. **Trinity School** held a service of Nine Lessons and carols in St Mary's Combs on a Monday evening at 6pm and their Nativity in school the previous Friday; both went very well. Several members of the Church Lunch Club were welcomed as guests. The only really inclement day of the winter so far was that chosen by **Combs Ford Primary** for their Carol Service in church and that had to be cancelled. No church around here is large enough to cope with **Finborough Schools** Service so they have resorted to St Mary's Bury St Edmunds where I was pleased to take part. It's very different when the congregation is 850.

**Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday** the 14 February at 9.30am in Onehouse where we shall celebrate Holy Communion and Ashing. Coffee in Trinity Hall will follow. This year and by popular demand the other churches will each host a service of Compline. This is a short service of Worship and prayer which you are encouraged to join in each Tuesday at 7.30pm in the following churches:

20 Feb Lt Finborough, 27 Feb Buxhall, 6 March Shelland, 13 March Harleston, 20 March Gt Finborough and 27 March Combs.

Members of the Ministry Team will be leading and I hope they will prove helpful for your Lenten preparation.

For **our Course** we shall follow the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland suggestion called HOPE. Groups will be as follows and each one is standalone so if you can't make them all, don't let that put you off. Come and join us.....we are all learning and will appreciate different views. The course booklet is available to all. They are on

Wednesdays February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7.30pm The Rectory – 135 Poplar Hill

You will see separately details of the **Soup Lunches** where we raise money for charities. Please support them – you might even try a different parish. They do things differently you know – so don't assume.....!

**Associate priest** The Bishop is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev Canon Pauline Higham Rector of the Hartford Hundred Benefice in the Diocese of St Albans as the part time Associate Priest in these parishes. Pauline and her husband Rod, who is a Reader will be licensed in the early summer. I am looking forward to working with them and ask for your prayers for us all.

At the end of November about 80 people gathered in **St Andrews** to celebrate the opening of the **Loo and Kitchenette** – and good it looks too – so now to the heating augmentation, organ restoration and enclosing the kitchen area perhaps.....

**Foundation Governors for our Church Schools.** Thank you to those who have volunteered, been accepted by their Churches and the Diocese to begin this valuable work in Gt Finborough and Trinity

I must also record **many thanks** to the wonderful people of the Onehouse Harleston and Shelling Good Neighbours Scheme who provided an excellent Christmas Lunch on Saturday 13 January for those of 'riper years' - or who live alone. Information about their work is in OHSMAG. I have been approached by the **Good Neighbour Scheme Development Officer** of Suffolk Community Action to see whether any of the other communities may wish to support their neighbours in this way. There is particularly a need for transport to medical appointments etc. If anyone is interested I can pass on their names. On the other hand, Derek Ames of Onehouse is chair of the group mentioned above and will doubtless have an informal chat

All Good Wishes,

**Rev Chris**

## News from Onehouse

There will be no Pancake party this year as it happens to fall the same week as the Panto in Onehouse. Some of the Panto cast attend the Party so we feel it would be sensible to cancel this year.

Onehouse Lent Lunch will be held in the Trinity Hall on Wednesday 21 March at midday following on from the Coffee morning at 10 30am. There will be no charge but a collection will be taken and given to a charity yet to be decided at the next PCC. Looking forward to catching up with friends old and new again.

There will be a St Patrick's Day celebration and meal at the Trinity Hall on Saturday 17 March. Proceeds to Onehouse Church Funds. More details will be in next month's magazine. If you wish to attend please let Carole know on 01449 736025.

**Carole Hearn**

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Funeral

Our love, sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have recently died

*At St Marys, Buxhall*

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I was extremely honoured and relieved to have the privilege of the first official flush of our marvellous church Loo. As Neil told the Tale of the Loo a story in an old Lancashire book came to mind.

A newly married couple decided to buy a cottage in the country. When they left after looking over it, they remembered they hadn't noticed the WC so they wrote to the vicar who had shown them over the house and asked if he knew where it was. The vicar not knowing the term WC thought it was the Wesley Chapel they meant and this is how he replied.

Dear Sir, I regret any delay in answering your letter, but the WC is 7 miles away from the house. This is rather unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly. However, it might please you to know that some people take their lunch and make a day of it.

By the way, it is to hold 300 people and the committee decided to ensure greater comfort by installing plush seats. Those who can spare the time walk to it, while others take the train. I myself never go but my wife went 2 years ago and she had to stand all the time.

There are special facilities for ladies, presided over by the vicar, who gives all the assistance required. The children sit together and sing during the proceedings. Hope this information will be of help.  
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**Grace Gemmell**

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## Wild Bird Seed

The next order will be placed on 8 February and will be available for collection from Abbey Farm Cottage, Buxhall Rd, Great Finborough after 2pm on 14 February.

If you would like to place an order please let me have your requirements together with a cheque to "Great Finborough Garden Club", it is also essential that I have your telephone number so that I can advise you if there is a problem with seed collection on the 14 Feb.

Orders may be posted to or dropped off at Abbey Farm Cottage (IP14 3AU), or if it's more convenient dropped off at 1, Valley Lane, Gt. Finborough and must be received by 7 February.

Product	Weight	Price	
Wild Bird Mix	20 kg	£9-50	
W.B.M. Premium	20kg	£11-50	
W.B.M No Wheat	20kg	£13-50	
W.B.M NEW High Energy	12.75 kg	£12-00	
W.B.M. No Mess	15kg	£12-50	
W.B.M Robin & Songbird	12.75 kg	£13-00	
Finch Mix	20 kg	£11-50	
Mixed Corn	20 kg	£8-00	
SUPER Poultry Mix	20kg	£9-00	
Peanuts (superior quality)	25 kg	£33-00	
Peanuts (half sack)	12.5 kg approx	£17-50	
Black Sunflower Seed	15 kg	£11-50	
Sunflower Kernels	20 kg	£22-50	
Sunflower Kernels	10kg approx	£12-00	
Niger Seed	20kg	£26-00	
Niger Seed	10kg approx	£13-50	
Fat Balls (any quantity)	Price each	11p	

**Please Note.** The next seed order will be placed in April.

**John Davey**

## **Post Office Van Services Terminated**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Gislingham Mobile Service® Village Hall Car Park, Mill Street,  
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Service Temporary Closure**

I am writing to inform you that, regrettably, the Postmaster who operates the above mobile services on our behalf has resigned and no longer operates the services at Gislingham, Thorndon and Great Finborough. These services closed temporarily at the end of October 2017. I am sorry for the late notification on this occasion.

The provision of a Post Office service to our customers in the local community is important to us, and we will continue to work hard to restore services in the area as soon as possible. We would welcome any applications from potential retail partners interested in running these services on our behalf. If you know anyone who is interested please give them our Agency Recruitment team contact telephone number: 0845 601 6260. My colleagues in this team will be pleased to provide the specific details about the vacancy at service Gislingham, Thorndon and Great Finborough.

I would like to assure you that we are working hard to keep the period of closure to a minimum and we are currently investigating the options available which will enable us to reinstate a Post Office service to these communities. In exploring this, it is important that any future service is sustainable for the person operating the services and for Post Office Limited.

If you have any questions you would like to raise about this matter, please write to me via the Communication and Consultation Team at the address shown below. Please note that your comments will not be

kept confidential unless you expressly ask us to do so by clearly marking them "In Confidence".

Any future changes to service provision would be handled in line with our Code of Practice which sets out how we communicate and explain changes to the Post Office network. You can find more information about the Code at the end of this letter. Other people in your organisation may have an interest in this issue so please let them know about it.

I would like to apologise for the inconvenience the temporary loss of services may cause. We hope that our customers will continue to use the Post Office. Full details of alternative Post Office services in the area at each of the affected locations are shown at the end of this letter.

I will write to you again once I have any news about our plans for future service provision. Yours faithfully

**Wendy Hamilton Network Operations Manager**

### **How to contact us:**

» comments@postoffice.co.uk

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## CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR FEBRUARY 2018

### **Sunday      4 February**

Sung Eucharist  
 Matins  
 Worship and Messy Church  
 Morning Worship  
 Evensong

### **Second Sunday before Lent**

Buxhall                      9.30am  
 Shelland                    9.30am  
 Combs                      11am  
 Onehouse                  11am  
 Great Finborough        3pm

### **Sunday      11 February**

Holy Communion  
 Holy Communion  
 Holy Communion  
 Holy Communion  
 Messy Church

### **First Sunday before Lent**

Little Finborough        9am  
 Harleston                  9.30am  
 Combs                      11am  
 Great Finborough        11am  
 Great Finborough        3pm

### **Wednesday   14 February**

Holy Communion

### **Ash Wednesday**

Onehouse                      9.30am

### **Sunday      18 February**

Holy Communion  
 Matins  
 Morning Worship  
 Family Communion  
 Evensong

### **First Sunday in Lent**

Shelland                      9.30am  
 Buxhall                      9.30am  
 Harleston                  9.30am  
 Combs                      11am  
 Little Finborough        3pm

### **Sunday      25 February**

Holy Communion  
 Holy Communion  
 Holy Communion  
 Holy Communion  
 Evensong

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

Little Finborough        9am  
 Combs                      11am  
 Onehouse                  11am  
 Great Finborough        11am  
 Buxhall                      6.30pm

### **Sunday      1 March**

Sung Eucharist  
 Morning Worship  
 Worship and Messy Church  
 Evensong

### **Third Sunday in Lent**

Buxhall                      9.30am  
 Onehouse                  11am  
 Combs                      11am  
 Great Finborough        3pm

### **We meet for**

**Morning Prayer** 10.00 am on Saturdays at St. Mary's Combs (Lady Chapel)

**Holy Communion** 9.30 am Wednesdays at Trinity Hall, Onehouse

**Evening Prayer** 4.30 pm on Thursdays at St Andrew's, Great Finborough

### **Great Finborough Mobile Library Service 2018**

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**Church website** <http://www.standrewsgtfinborough.co.uk/>

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