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April 2026



From Rev. Ann

Welcome to April, welcome to longer days and shorter nights, welcome to the blossoming of Spring and, of course, welcome to Easter.

As we live through this age of anxiety and unprecedented challenges, we need to know that we are children of God's unfathomable and never-ending love, borne through death on the cross and triumphant in resurrection.

Most of all, we need to hear the message of hope that Christ carries through all his suffering and proclaims at his resurrection.

As I said, we are living through times when chaos and hostility seem so often to have the upper hand. But despite this, there is so much good that continues. I have just come in from the garden, enjoying the spring sunshine and the primroses and daffodils. The birds are still singing; the sun is still rising and setting. We are still meeting with those we love, we are still laughing and crying, we are still singing and worshipping. Good things that are beyond our control, and that we don't get to hear about, are still happening.

Easter morning comes with an almost incredible statement of new life in the resurrection of Jesus, and hope and resurrection are now in the very DNA of our existence.



He is risen....

So whatever you may be doing this Easter, may you take some time to focus on the forgiveness and hope that is now ours through Jesus Christ.

As Christians we must carry this hope for others and seek out those places and circumstances where we can offer hope instead of despair, encouragement where there is doubt and light where there is darkness.

We can do this because of what happened on Easter day. Jesus bears all our wilful wrongdoing, and by his sacrifice and selfless act of forgiveness, offers us the chance to begin afresh, not just once, but time and time again. This is not just good news – but the best ever!

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah.

Go well,
Ann.

The Orebeck Benefice serves the villages of Brandeston, Campsea Ashe, Easton, Hacheston, Kettleburgh, Marlesford and Parham in East Suffolk.

Orebeck Benefice Calendar April 2026

April 2026		
30	Mon	2.30 pm Lent Course & eve prayer (final session) . Hacheston VH.
31	Tue	7 pm Taize service at Easton
1	Wed	7 pm Compline at Marlesford with music for reflection
2	Thu	7 pm Agape supper at Kettleburgh VH. 9.00 pm Stripping of altar.
3	Fri	10 am Family Service at Brandeston. 2 pm Final Hour at C. Ashe
4	Sat	
5	Sun	Easter Day services at Brandeston, Marlesford and Parham
6	Mon	Bank Holiday
7	Tue	
8	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	2nd Sunday of Easter
13	Mon	
14	Tue	
15	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
16	Thu	
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	3rd Sunday of Easter
20	Mon	
21	Tue	
22	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
23	Thu	
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	4th Sunday of Easter
27	Mon	
28	Tue	
29	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
30	Thu	

Holy Week 2026	
Palm Sunday 29th March	11 am Holy Communion with Liturgy of the Palms and The Passion at All Saints Hacheston
Monday 30th March	2.30 pm Lent Course (final session) at Hacheston VH followed by Evening Prayer at 4.30 pm.
Tuesday 31st March	7 pm Taize service at Easton
Wednesday 1st April	7 pm Compline at Marlesford with music for reflection.
Maundy Thursday 2nd April	7 pm Bring & Share Agape Supper Kettleburgh VH then 9.00 pm in the church—stripping of altar and lighting of seven candles.
Good Friday 3rd April	10 am Family Service at Brandeston 2 pm Service for the Final Hour at Campsea Ashe.
Easter Sunday 5th April	5.50 am Sunrise service at Brandeston / Breakfast at VH 8 am Said Holy Communion at Marlesford 10 am Benefice Eucharist for Easter at Parham.

Sunday 12th April	11 am Holy Communion at Campsea Ashe	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 John 20: 19-31
Sunday 19th April	9.30 am Morning Worship at Marlesford 11 am Holy Communion at Kettleburgh	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Luke 24: 13-35
Sunday 26th April	9.30 am Morning Worship at Easton 11 am Holy Communion at Parham 6 pm Evening Prayer at Kettleburgh	Acts 2: 42-47 John 10: 1-10
Sunday 3rd May	11 am Benefice Service at Kettleburgh	Acts 7: 55-60 John 14: 1-14

Next Benefice Service is on 3rd May at 11 am at Kettleburgh

Help Needed! St John the Baptist Church in Campsea Ashe urgently needs a volunteer or two to join the PCC (Parochial Church Council) to help with practical oversight. Please contact Glenys Fear (01728 747177) for more information.