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Rev'd Ann serves on a 0.6 basis, working Saturdays to Wednesday mornings. Outside of those days please leave a message or email which she will attend to as soon as possible. In an emergency, please contact an Elder or Church Warden.

The Orebeck Benefice News (OBN) will be emailed monthly to all who request it, and printed copies are available in each church building. To be added to the mailing list please email peter.marett@hotmail.co.uk. Data protection regulations are applied.

Items for inclusion should be emailed to Peter by the 20th of each month.

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Orebeck Benefice News



May 2026



From Rev. Ann

May is the loveliest of months and it contains two very important church festivals. In April we celebrated the joy of the resurrection. In May we remember Pentecost

and the coming of the Spirit and, on Trinity Sunday, we celebrate God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Both Pentecost and Trinity Sunday will be Benefice services at Easton and then Hacheston. I know that for some of you this means that you won't attend church on either Sunday as the service is not in your village.

I am aware that some of you did not attend church on Easter Sunday, the most important Sunday in the church year, for the same reason.

So, my question to you: is it more important that you attend church only in your own village, or are you willing to attend church on these important and significant Sundays wherever the church is holding the service?

I cannot answer this question for you and I am not being judgemental. However, I am throwing down a challenge to you all, that on either Pentecost at Easton or Trinity Sunday at Hacheston, that you come to celebrate

these important festivals. Be bold, take a step out of your 'comfort zone' and come and join us and make these services something special. I am often being told that it is 'so much better' when there are more people at a service.

Of course, I and the ministry team are constantly working out how to honour your current traditions and all that sustains you by worshipping in your own parish church but also making the changes that are needed for the future.

We can't really afford to do nothing. Nobody likes change, including myself, but change is inevitable and we are at a crucial time for our parishes, exploring how we can sustain them into the future.

I know that being part of a Benefice was not your decision, but it is what we are, and by coming together to worship and to meet one another, we can support and encourage each other, which is what we are called to do as followers of Christ.

May this May be a time of fellowship and coming together for us all Ann.



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

Orebeck Benefice Calendar May 2026

May 2026		
1	Fri	
2	Sat	
3	Sun	5th Sunday of Easter
4	Mon	Bank Holiday
5	Tue	
6	Wed	Compline said at Marlesford 5pm
7	Thu	
8	Fri	
9	Sat	2—4 pm Easton May Fair
10	Sun	6th Sunday of Easter
11	Mon	Monday prayers 4pm at Kettleburgh
12	Tue	
13	Wed	Compline said at Marlesford 5pm
14	Thu	Ascension Day
15	Fri	
16	Sat	
17	Sun	7th Sunday of Easter
18	Mon	Monday prayers 4pm at Kettleburgh
19	Tue	
20	Wed	Compline said at Marlesford 5pm
21	Thu	
22	Fri	
23	Sat	
24	Sun	Pentecost
25	Mon	Bank Holiday
26	Tue	
27	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford.
28	Thu	
29	Fri	
30	Sat	9.30—11 am Big Breakfast at Hacheston Village Hall.
31	Sun	Trinity Sunday

10 am Ascension Day Holy Communion at Marlesford, followed by coffee at the Community Centre



Sunday 3rd May	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
	Readings:	Acts 7: 55-end	John 14: 1-14

Sunday 10 May	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Brandeston
	11 am	Morning Worship	Campsea Ashe
	6 pm	Evening Prayer	Parham
	Readings:	Acts 17: 22-31	John 14: 15-21

Thurs 14 May	10 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Marlesford
	Readings:	Acts 1: 1-11	Luke 24: 44-end

Sunday 17 May	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Marlesford
	11 am	Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
	5 pm	Evening Worship	Brandeston
	Readings:	Acts 1: 6-14	John 17: 1-11

Sunday 24th May	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Easton
	Readings:	Acts 2: 1-21	John 20: 19-23

Sunday 31st May	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Hacheston
	Readings:	2 Corinthians 13: 11-end	Matthew 28: 16-end

Next Benefice Service is on 7th June at 11 am at Marlesford

The **Annual Church Holiday Club** for children will be held on 11th, 12th and 13th of August at Brandeston village hall. No need to book yet—more information to follow as plans take shape.

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.