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Outside of those times please leave an answerphone message or email which she will attend to as soon as possible, or in an emergency please contact one of the Benefice Elders or Churchwardens.

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will be emailed monthly to all who request it, and printed copies will be available at each church.

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Orebeck Benefice News

April 2025



From Rev'd Ann:

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



On 20th April we celebrate the most important and precious Sunday of the Christian year. As we live through this age of anxiety and face 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.

Despite the current insecurities, there is so much that continues to delight. On my last walk I stopped to look at some catkins and the thought occurred to me that spring has sprung again and will continue each year. 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, still singing and worshipping. Good things are still happening—often things that are beyond our control, or that we don't get to hear about.

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



So whatever you may be doing this Easter, 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

Benefice Calendar: April 2025		
1	Tue	
2	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
3	Thu	
4	Fri	
5	Sat	
6	Sun	5th Sunday of Lent
7	Mon	2.30 pm Lent Course Hacheston Village Hall
8	Tue	
9	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
10	Thu	
11	Fri	
12	Sat	
13	Sun	Palm Sunday
14	Mon	2.30 pm Lent Course Hacheston VH (final session) followed by tea and hot cross buns (4 pm) and Evening Prayer for Holy Week (4.30 pm)
15	Tue	7 pm Taize Service for Holy Week— Easton
16	Wed	7 pm Compline with music for reflection at Marlesford
17	Thu	Maundy Thursday —7 pm Holy Communion at Kettleburgh followed by stripping of the altar and lighting of candles.
18	Fri	Good Friday . 10 am Family Service at Brandeston . 1.30 pm Campsea Ashe . The Sudbourne Ensemble (string quartet) will play part of Haydn's Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross .
19	Sat	
20	Sun	Easter Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday

Saturday 5th April, 10 am to noon.
Spring Coffee Morning at **Parham Village Hall**. Cakes, home-made refreshments, gifts, books, games, draw, tombola etc.

Sunday 6th April
11 am Benefice Holy Communion at **Easton**

Sunday 13th April
10am The Passion Story followed by coffee and buns at **Hacheston VH**.
11.15am Holy Communion at **Hacheston**.



5.45 am Sunrise service at **Brandeston** church followed by eggs and toast in the village Hall.
8 am Holy Communion (said) at **Marlesford**
10 am Easter Holy Communion at **Parham**.

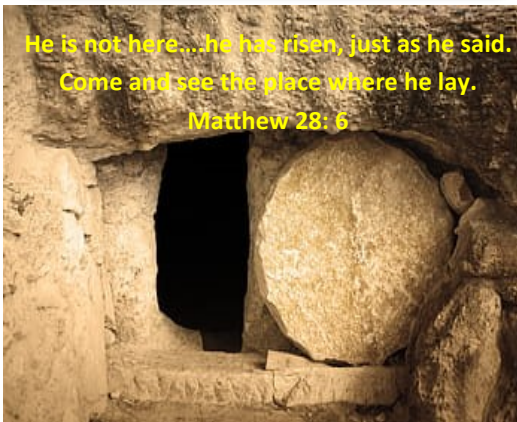
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21	Mon	Bank Holiday
22	Tue	
23	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
24	Thu	
25	Fri	
26	Sat	
27	Sun	2nd Sunday of Easter
28	Mon	
29	Tue	
30	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
1	Thu	May

Wed 7.00 pm Book Circle,
Station Ho, **Campsea Ashe**

Benefice **Big Breakfast** at
Hacheston VH 9 to 11 am

Sunday 27th April
11 am Benefice Holy Communion at **Campsea Ashe**.

Sunday 4th May 11 am Benefice Service at **Hacheston** with the commissioning of John Adams as an Elder and the recommissioning of our other Elders.



In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.” 1 Peter 1:3

Thank You
Very many thanks for the lovely card and generous gift I have received from the Benefice as I lay down my priest's licence after 31 years of ministry.
I was extremely moved and feel very blessed to have served here at the end of my ministry.
Deirdre Parmenter

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!