



## December 2024

## In the Orebeck Benefice

30 Nov	Sat	9 am - 11 am Big Breakfast	HVH
1 Dec	Sun	1st Sunday of Advent	
2	Mon	2.30 Advent Course	HVH
3	Tue		
4	Wed	5pm Compline	M
5	Thu		
6	Fri		
7	Sat	12 noon -4pm Christmas market. 5.30 pm Lighting of Christmas Tree	KVH
8	Sun	2nd Sunday of Advent	
9	Mon	2.30 Advent Course	HVH
10	Tue	2.30 Carols @ Allonsfield	CA
11	Wed	5pm Compline	M
12	Thu		
13	Fri		
14	Sat	2 pm - 4pm Christmas Fair	B
15	Sun	3rd Sunday of Advent	
16	Mon	2.30 Advent Course	HVH
17	Tue		
18	Wed	5pm Compline 6 pm Meet at Parham church for carol singing around the village.	M P
19	Thu	3.30 pm SHCT Carols 6 pm Meet at the Green for Carols round the village.	E
20	Fri	Pub carols	BVH
21	Sat		
22	Sun	4th Sunday of Advent	
23	Mon	6pm Carols by Candlelight	H
24	Tue	Christmas Eve	
25	Wed	Christmas Day	Emmanuel — God with us!
26	Thu		
27	Fri		
28	Sat	9 am - 11 am Big Breakfast	HVH
29	Sun	1st Sunday of Christmas	
30	Mon		
31	Tue		

1st Dec	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion	M
	5 pm	Christingle	B

### Advent Course at Hacheston Village Hall

Stand alone sessions looking at poetry, including several from Malcolm Guite's anthology *Waiting on the Word*, and thinking about how they convey the Advent themes of past and future, dark and light, waiting and fulfilment.

**2nd, 9th and 16th December at Hacheston Village Hall.**

8th Dec	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion	P
	6 pm	Evening Prayers	M

**Easton** We shall be collecting tinned and packet food, tea/coffee etc for FIND at the Christmas Sunday Café on 15th.

15th Dec	11 am	Holy Communion	CA
	11 am	Christingle and gifts which will be taken to FIND.	K

22nd Dec	11am	Holy Communion	K
	4 pm	Christingle	M
	6 pm	Candlelit Carols	E
	6 pm	Evening Prayer	P
	6.30pm	Candlelit Carols	CA

### Christmas Eve

10 am	Christingle / Nativity Procession	E
5.30 pm	Candlelit Carols	K
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	B

### Christmas Day

8.30 am	Benefice Holy Communion	M
10 am	Benefice Family Service with carols	P

29 Dec	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion	E
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### Last Big Breakfast of the Year!

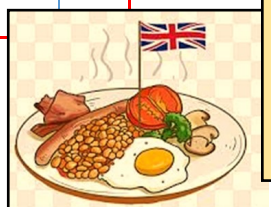
**Saturday 28th Dec 9am—11 am  
Hacheston Village Hall**

No charge -  
donate if  
you feel able

Comments from our September breakfast:

*"absolutely delicious" "thank you for putting this on –  
we will definitely come again"*

KEY	B	Brandeston	K	Kettleburgh
	CA	Campsea Ashe	M	Marlesford
	E	Easton	P	Parham
	H	Hacheston	VH	Village hall



**Contacting Rev. Ann** Rev'd Ann serves on a 0.6 basis, and her normal working days are Saturday to Wednesday morning inclusive.

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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# Orebeck Benefice News

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## Christmas Greetings from Rev'd Ann

*Gaudete, Christus est Natus!*  
Rejoice always, Christ is born.

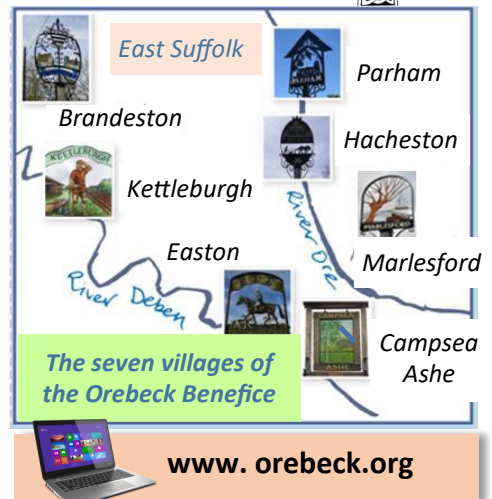
When you read this, Christmas will still be a few weeks away and in the meantime we are in the season of Advent which is meant to be a sombre and reflective season, dedicated to waiting. Today commercial interests encourage us to start Christmas earlier and earlier. We need to bring back the sense of waiting as proper anticipation.

Going deeper, Advent asks us, to linger and not always long for things to hurry up. Sometimes the most profound times are when we must learn to live in the now and the hope of what is to come. Advent asks us to live patiently in the now, confident in the future, because of what God has done for us in the past.

In Advent, we remember John the Baptist who came to point others to that which was to come.

John looks back to the promises of the past in order to point to the future. He is the voice crying in the wilderness. In these bewildering times that we are living through, we can live as fully as we can now while listening out for the promise of the future.

John is part of the retelling of God's work in history, so that we may recognize it when it breaks into the world at Christmas in the form of the Christ child. And the good news is that even this Christmas, when the world seems a darker place, God is still breaking into our lives offering us glimmers of light and hope. The Christ child is born again and again, as God enters into all human life. The timeless enters our time to bless us and bring us out of the darkness.



So my profoundest wish for us all in this season of Advent and into Christmas is that we might catch one or two of those glimmers of light that shine through the past, light up the present and illuminate the path to the future. I pray that we will be able to rest and abide in these special moments, and to learn to say, "For now, that is enough." Go well, Ann