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## Orebeck Benefice News

### December 2025



From Rev. Ann

**Rejoice always!  
Christ is born!**

Are you rejoicing?

I have been reading Psalm 126 where the Psalmist writes: *"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad"*. Back then it seems God acted definitively; he saved and there was much rejoicing.

What about now? Where do we see signs of God in action? Well, let's start with our own lives and recognize how, in the past year, God has blessed us and comforted us and seen us through painful times. Then let's look out at our communities and see all the good being done within them. And let's look at our broken world and see all those who are working for peace, those who are providing food, shelter and safety for those in desperate need, those working through environmental projects to bring hope for the future. It would be easy to despair in these troubling times, but with God there is always hope.

The writer of Psalm 126 is part of the retelling of God's work in history, so that we may recognize it when it breaks into the world in the form of the Christ child.

Because, whatever our circumstances this Christmas, God has become Emmanuel, 'God with us', and he is still breaking into our world offering us light and hope.

What better light could we possibly have this Christmas than seeing the Light of the World being born into a poor family in an occupied and troubled land. What better hope could we possibly have than 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...full of grace and truth'.

God became a human so that he could enter entirely into human experience and never be parted from us. If this doesn't lift us, then what does?

So please do have a Happy Christmas and let us live in the hope of the Christ child, born, as the carol says, 'to raise the sons of earth, born to give us second birth'.

Rejoice always, Christ is born!

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

## Orebeck Benefice Calendar December 2025

December 2025		
1	Mon	2.30 pm Art in Advent course: The Annunciation
2	Tue	
3	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
4	Thu	
5	Fri	
6	Sat	
7	Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
8	Mon	2.30 pm Art in Advent course: The Nativity
9	Tue	2.30 pm Carols at Allonsfield Care Home, Campsea Ashe
10	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
11	Thu	
12	Fri	
13	Sat	
14	Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
15	Mon	2.30 pm Art in Advent course: Madonna and Child
16	Tue	
17	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford. 7 pm Carols at The Duck C.Ashe
18	Thu	
19	Fri	
20	Sat	
21	Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
22	Mon	
23	Tue	6 pm Carols at Hacheston
24	Wed	Christmas Eve
25	Thu	Christmas Day
26	Fri	
27	Sat	
28	Sun	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas
29	Mon	
30	Tue	
31	Wed	

An Art in Advent Course 2.30 to 4 pm at Brandeston Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December - exploring the visual arts depicting the birth of Jesus. Followed by optional Evening Prayer.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
11 am Benefice Holy Communion at **Marlesford**  
5 pm Christingle at **Brandeston**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
8 am Holy Communion (said) at **Brandeston**.  
10 am Confirmation Service at **Melton Church**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
11.am Holy Communion at **Parham**.  
11 am Holy Communion at **Kettleburgh**  
4 pm Christingle Service at **Marlesford**  
6 pm Candlelit Carols at **Easton**  
6.30 pm Candlelit Carols at **Campsea Ashe**

**Christmas Day**  
8.30 am Benefice Holy Communion at **Marlesford**  
10 am Benefice Family Service with carols at **Parham**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December**  
11. am Benefice Holy Communion at **Campsea Ashe**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026:** 11 am Benefice Holy Communion at **Brandeston**

### Kettleburgh Christmas Tree Lighting



The Village Hall Committee welcomes you

**Friday  
5th December**

The Village Hall will be open from 5.30 pm  
**Tree lighting at 6p.m.**  
with carols,  
mulled wine & mince pies  
*Bring a torch*

**Christmas Eve**  
10 am Christingle & Nativity at **Easton**  
5.30 pm Candlelit Carols at **Kettleburgh**  
11.30 pm Midnight Mass at **Brandeston**