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#### 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.

#### Orebeck Benefice

**News (OBN)** will be emailed monthly to all who request it, and printed copies will be available at each church.

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January  
2025

## Orebeck Benefice News



Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.



#### From Rev'd Ann:

The final part of Alfred, Lord Tennyson's great work, *In Memoriam* says

everything  
I might wish to say at the beginning of 2025.



## Happy New Year!

#### New Year Reminder

He who is seated on the throne says, "Look, I am making all things new!" *Revelation 21: 5*

We say, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven". *Matthew 6: 10.*

## Benefice Calendar: January 2025

1	Wed	Happy New Year!
2	Thu	
3	Fri	
4	Sat	
5	Sun	<b>Epiphany</b>
6	Mon	4pm Prayers at Brandeston
7	Tue	
8	Wed	5pm Compline at Marlesford
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	<b>Baptism of Christ</b>
13	Mon	2.30 pm <i>This Christian Life</i> course at Hacheston Village Hall
14	Tue	
15	Wed	5pm Compline at Marlesford
16	Thu	
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	<b>Plough Sunday</b>

### Sunday 5th January

11 am Benefice Holy Communion at **Brandeston**

### Sunday 12th January

**Easton** 11 am Holy Communion  
**Campsea Ashe** 11 am Morning Worship  
**Parham** 11 am Morning Prayer  
**Marlesford** 6.00 pm Holy Communion

### Sunday 19th January

11 am Benefice service at **Parham** for Plough Sunday, followed by lunch.  
 6 pm Holy Communion at **Kettleburgh**

**Epiphany** (from the Greek for *reveal*) falls on or near the 6th January—the 12th day of Christmas. It's when we remember how the star *revealed* the birth of Jesus to the Magi, as recorded in Matthew 2.  
 Fast forward roughly 30 years and on the following Sunday we remember the **baptism of Jesus** where he was *revealed* as God's beloved Son and the Lamb of God—God's solution to our moral failure. (Isaiah 53)

**Plough Sunday** is a traditional English celebration of the beginning of the agricultural year and usually involves bringing a ploughshare into a church with prayers for the blessing of the land. It's a good time to remember that our food sources are fragile and acknowledge our dependence on God. *"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."* (1 Cor 3: 7)

## Benefice Calendar: January 2025

20	Mon	2.30 pm <i>This Christian Life</i> course at Hacheston Village Hall
21	Tue	
22	Wed	5pm Compline at Marlesford
23	Thu	
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	<b>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</b>
27	Mon	2.30 pm Course at Hacheston V
28	Tue	
29	Wed	5pm Compline at Marlesford
30	Thu	
31	Fri	
1	Sat	
2	Sun	<b>Candlemas</b>

Wed 7.00 pm Christian Book Circle at the Station House, Campsea Ashe

Benefice **Big Breakfast** at Hacheston Village Hall 9 am to 11 am



### Sunday 26th January

**Brandeston:** 9.30 am Morning Worship  
**Easton:** 11 am Morning Prayer  
**Campsea Ashe:** 11 am Holy Communion  
**Parham:** 11 am Holy Communion  
**Kettleburgh:** 6.30 pm Evening Prayer.

### Sunday 2nd Feb

11 am Benefice service for Candlemas at **Campsea Ashe**

*"This Christian Life"* Course on Monday 13th, 20th and 27th January and 3rd February, 2.30 pm to 4 pm, followed by Evening Prayer at Hacheston Village Hall. All are welcome.

**Candlemas** or the **Feast of the Presentation** commemorates the presenting of Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem 33 days after his circumcision. The event is recorded in Luke 2: 22-40 and also involved the sacrifice of a lamb or 2 pigeons to purify the mother as instructed in Leviticus 12 (Mary brought pigeons which reflected her poverty). The feast falls on 2nd February, traditionally the 40th day and the conclusion of the Christmas—Epiphany season.

### Christian Book Circle



We meet at 7pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month at The Station House in Campsea Ashe to discuss a Christian book or video suggested by the group. At our first meeting this year we will be discussing Rowan Williams' book *Luminaries*. We're a mixed bunch from a variety of denominations and enjoy learning from each other. The café will be closed so bring your own refreshments. All are welcome.