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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.

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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From Rev'd Ann:

Have you ever been told, or passed on the comment, "don't get your hopes up".



When this is said, it can often mean, 'don't expect anything or you'll be disappointed'.

But hope is different from expectation. Our expectations are what often keep us from being open to the present. Worse still, expectations are sometimes just the other side of entitlement; there is very little joy in getting what we believe we have coming to us anyhow.

That's why I think it's important to see how expectations and entitlement differ. Expectancy is what the prophet Jeremiah had when he said 'The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.' (Jeremiah 31:31). Jeremiah is sitting in prison as Jerusalem is being taken over by Nebuchadnezzar and everything is collapsing around him, yet he holds fast to the promises of God. So what does he do?

Despite the chaos and despair around him, in a defiant act of hope, Jeremiah buys land. He refused to let the threatening clouds rolling over the present darken his view of what is possible in the future. His confidence was in God—He is true to his word.

It reminds me of Martin Luther's famous response when he was asked what he would do if he knew the world would end tomorrow. He said "I'd plant a tree".

Our hope in God is neither naïve nor escapist.



Quite the opposite. It's the hope of people who have heard the dangerous rumour that there is life beyond death and hope beyond suffering and that love eventually conquers the soul-crushing stuff we humans keep perpetuating.

It's seems a completely bonkers thing we do as Christians. We stand in the middle of a troubled world and raise our heads in expectancy of good things. That's because our hope is not in ourselves nor in humanity but in God who has promised to renew all things.

As people of God's story, we can have one hand reaching back to touch the hope of the prophets and one hand reaching out to the promised redemption of the world. So we live in the moment, vulnerable but not crushed. Our confidence is in God.

So, buy land and plant trees, and pray "Your will be done on earth...." Ann.

Benefice Calendar: July 2025		
1	Tue	July
2	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
3	Thu	
4	Fri	
5	Sat	5 pm Evening Prayers at Parham—see below*
6	Sun	Trinity 3
7	Mon	4 pm Prayer at Parham
8	Tue	
9	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
10	Thu	
11	Fri	
12	Sat	
13	Sun	Trinity 4
14	Mon	4 pm Prayer at Parham
15	Tue	
16	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
17	Thu	
18	Fri	
19	Sat	
20	Sun	Trinity 5

Wed 2nd 7.00 pm Book Circle,
Station Ho, Campsea Ashe

Sunday 6th July

11 am Benefice Holy Communion at
Hacheston (see below**)

Sat 5th July 11.30—4.30. Open Gardens in
Parham. Google *The Garden Trail Parham 2025*
for details. Tickets from Parham Church.

Sun 13th 3 – 5 pm Strawberry
Tea at Kettleburgh Village Hall
in aid of St Andrews Church.

Sunday 13th July

9.30 Holy Communion at Brandeston
11.00 Morning worship at Easton
11.00 Morning worship at Campsea Ashe
11.00 Holy Communion at Kettleburgh
6 pm Evening Prayer at Marlesford.

Sunday 20th July

9.30 Holy Communion at Marlesford
11.00 Holy Communion at Parham
6 pm Evening Prayer at Kettleburgh

***Saturday 5th July at 5.00 pm at Parham.**
Ann will be saying Evening Prayer as a celebration of the tenth anniversary of her ordination in Oxford on 5th July 2015. She writes, *"It has been an action-packed ten years but I give God thanks for them and most especially for all the wonderful people that it has been my pleasure and privilege to serve."*

****Sunday 6th July at 11.00 am at Hacheston** Ann will be installed as Rector of the Benefice by the Archdeacon. This is not just about a new title but it establishes the Benefice once and for all as a legal entity and no changes can be made to it. This is a cause for celebration and it would be good for us all to be there. The service will be followed by a glass of something bubbly!

Benefice Calendar: July 2025		
21	Mon	4 pm Prayer at Parham
22	Tue	
23	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
24	Thu	
25	Fri	
26	Sat	
27	Sun	Trinity 6
28	Mon	4 pm Prayer at Parham
29	Tue	
30	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
31	Thu	

Wed 23rd 7.00 pm Book Circle,
Station Ho, Campsea Ashe

Sunday 27th July

9.30 Morning Worship at Brandeston
9.30 Holy Communion at Campsea Ashe
11.00 Holy Communion at Easton
6 pm Evening Prayer at Parham

Sunday 3rd August:

11.00 Benefice Holy Communion
at Campsea Ashe



Ashe Park Open Garden on June 8th.

The sale of refreshments at this event raised £1530 for the church tower repair fund.

Thankyou to Richard and Julia Keeling of Ashe Park, the team who organised the food and drinks, and all those who supported.

NAVIGATORS! Holiday Club

Here again for 2025

at Brandeston Village Hall

For Primary age children
Tues 5th to Thurs 7th August 2025



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The monthly Big Breakfast is taking a break during July and August. The next will be on Saturday 27th September.