

Orebeck Benefice Calendar July 2026

July 2026		
1	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
2	Thu	
3	Fri	
4	Sat	
5	Sun	5th Sunday after Trinity
6	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Parham
7	Tue	
8	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	6th Sunday after Trinity
13	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Parham
14	Tue	
15	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
16	Thu	
17	Fri	
18	Sat	
19	Sun	7th Sunday after Trinity
20	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Parham
21	Tue	
22	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
23	Thu	
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	8th Sunday after Trinity
27	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Parham
28	Tue	
29	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
30	Thu	
31	Fri	

Joint Benefice PCC meeting
at 7pm on 13 July in
Kettleburgh Village Hall

7 pm Book Circle at Station House, CA.

Next Benefice Service is on
2nd August at 11 am at
Brandeston, celebrating
Lammastide with Archdea-
con Rich. Followed by light
lunch in the village hall.

Christian Book Circle



We meet at Station House, Campsea Ashe, on the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7pm to 9pm. We come from a variety of church backgrounds—or none at all—and discuss a Christian book or video. All are welcome!

Sunday 5 July	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Parham
	Readings:	Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Sunday 12 July	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Brandeston
	11 am	Holy Communion	Campsea Ashe
	Readings:	Genesis 25: 19-34	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Sunday 19 July	11 am	Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
	11 am	Morning Worship	Campsea Ashe
	6 pm	Evening Prayer	Parham
	Readings:	Genesis 28: 10-19a	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

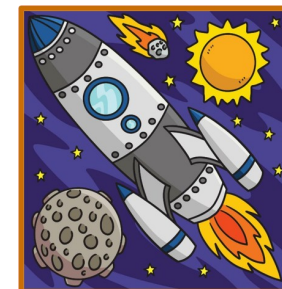
Sunday 26 July	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Marlesford
	11 am	Holy Communion	Easton
	6 pm	Evening Prayer	Kettleburgh
	Readings:	Genesis 29: 15-28	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Space Rangers Holiday Club 2026

Run by the benefice churches for Primary Age children on 11th, 12th and 13th August, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm in Brandeston Village Hall.

You don't need to be resident in Brandeston and you don't need to be a churchgoer.

£5 per day for first child; £3 for additional sibs.
Book for 1, 2 or 3 days.



Bring own picnic lunch on Tues and Wed. Free family BBQ on Thursday

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And needing help, forgiveness, consolation, hope and healing *because we cannot muster these up in sufficient quantity for ourselves* ...is not a failure in the Christian life, it's actually the prerequisite. Some may try to tell you that to be in "right relationship with God" is something we must achieve. But a right relationship with God is not something we attain, it is the gift of the giver of all good things, the fount of every blessing.

Why am I still a Christian?

Because over the blaring sirens of meritocracy, and underneath the dull hum of electronic distractions, in moments of quiet, there is a still, small voice saying, daughter, son, child ...

I was hoping it was you.

That's the voice of the physician who came not for the well but for the sick. That's the one who looks out at us, we who cannot manufacture our own forgiveness, our own hope, our own healing — and is just *delighted* to be asked.

Go well.

Ann.

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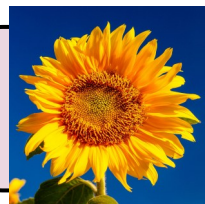
Rev'd Ann serves on a 0.6 basis, working Saturday to Wednesday mornings. At other times please leave a message or email which she will attend to as soon as possible. In an emergency, please contact an Elder or Church Warden.

The Orebeck Benefice News (OBN) is emailed monthly to all who request it— contact peter.marett@hotmail.co.uk (we conform to data protection regulations). Printed copies are available in each church building. Items for inclusion should be emailed to Peter no later than the 20th of each month.

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Thankyou: The sale of refreshments at the **Ashe Park Open Garden** on 7th June raised £2000 for the Tower Repair Fund at St John The Baptist, Campsea Ashe. Our thanks to all who prepared and served the refreshments, and to all who supported the event. *Glenys.*



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From Rev. Ann

A few months ago, in conversation with a clergy colleague, I was lamenting some of the shortcomings of the Church of England. My colleague put their cup of coffee down and said, *so why are we all still church people?*

I was taken aback but, given our discussion, it's a fair question. Why are we still showing up for church?

In the past I would have offered a theological argument or a suitable defence of the institution. But this time, I responded: *"Because I'm in need of help."* Now more than ever I need help to pray, to forgive (myself and others), to remember that there is a bigger, truer story than the one I am being sold every day in the media and through the internet.

I am, as the gospel song goes, *standing in the need of prayer*. And I assume I am not alone. I'm a Christian because I'm in need of help; For me, St. Peter's confession: *"Lord to whom shall we go; you have the words of eternal life"* have never been more true.

Our society has invented an entire genre of literature called *self-help*.

The very name is the tell, isn't it? Needing help is fine, they say, if the help comes from you. But needing help from somewhere else—from your community, or from God—is a sign of weakness.

Just as a reminder: *"God helps those who help themselves"* is not found in the Bible. But, *"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit"* is. So is, *"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble"*.

So I am still here because I have met, in the Gospels, a God who apparently has a special fondness for the ritually unclean, the morally injured and the deeply wounded. A God who supplies unconditional mercy and requires no payback.

And that - that sweet thing that happens when the Scripture is read out loud, when the psalms and hymns are sung, when the Gospel is spoken over us, when we confess how limited we are and hear how limitless God is, when we open empty hands for a piece of bread and a blessing —

What shall we call this, but *help*?

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