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

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:

"Love each other, as I have loved you". This is Jesus' command to his disciples in John's gospel. Jesus then repeats, "This is my command: love each other". This is such a straightforward command, or it should be, and yet, we have so often complicated it by setting conditions on our love.



Who then are we meant to love? Our family, our friends, the other members of our church community of course, but is there anyone else? That is for us to decide, but perhaps I can offer some suggestions.

First of all Jesus states very clearly that all laws and prophecies must now be based on the two commandments to love God and to love our neighbour. Secondly, when asked, "who is my neighbour?", Jesus responds with the parable of the Good Samaritan.

In this parable it is the hated Samaritan who is the only one to show mercy to the injured traveller, a Jew, who Samaritans would normally despise. Those who passed the injured man by, were representatives of the church, men who should have been examples of mercy and grace.

In one of my favourite stories from Acts we read of the encounter between the Ethiopian eunuch and Philip. This encounter is God given and the Ethiopian is converted to Christianity. However, as a black man with, what would have been considered at the time, dubious sexuality, he would have been a very problematical figure for Philip, yet Philip



did not hesitate when he was commanded to speak with him and explain the good news of Jesus Christ.

In both these examples we see people who would be considered 'beyond the pale', yet both demonstrating and receiving a loving response to need.

Who then is our neighbour? Who are we commanded to love? I leave that with you.

Then, how do we love? Well, let us return to John's gospel: *"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love."* Jesus loves those considered unlovable by others, and yet loved by God. Do we take him as our example, or do we keep within our safe and unchallenging boundaries?

Go well, Ann

Benefice Calendar: June 2025		
1	Sun	Sunday after Ascension Day
2	Mon	4 pm Prayer at Brandeston
3	Tue	
4	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
5	Thu	
6	Fri	
7	Sat	
8	Sun	Pentecost
9	Mon	4 pm Prayer at Brandeston
10	Tue	
11	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
12	Thu	
13	Fri	
14	Sat	
15	Sun	Trinity Sunday
16	Mon	4 pm Prayer at Brandeston
17	Tue	
18	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
19	Thu	
20	Fri	

Sunday 1st June 11 am Benefice Holy Communion for Ascension at **Brandeston**.

Sunday 8th June
11 am Benefice Holy Communion for Pentecost at Kettleburgh.
6 pm Evening Prayer at Parham.

Sunday 15th June
11 am Benefice Holy Communion for Trinity Sunday at Marlesford

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Holiday Club

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

at Brandeston Village Hall

NAVIGATORS!



Open Garden Ashe Park

Campsea Ashe

Sunday 8th June

10.30 am to 4.30 pm

Refreshments are
being provided in support
of the church tower fund.



Benefice Calendar: June 2025		
21	Sat	
22	Sun	Trinity 1
23	Mon	4 pm Prayer at Brandeston
24	Tue	
25	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
26	Thu	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	
29	Sun	Trinity 2
30	Mon	4 pm Prayer at Brandeston
1	Tue	July

Wed 25th 7.00 pm Book Circle,
Station Ho, **Campsea Ashe**

Sunday 22nd June
11 am Benefice
Holy Communion at **Easton**
4 pm Evening Prayer at **Campsea Ashe**

Sunday 29th June
11 am Benefice Holy
Communion at **Parham**

Sunday 6th July 11 am at Hacheston
Licensing of Rev Ann as Rector.

Saturday 28th June from 2pm to 4pm

The sound of bells ringing is deeply rooted in British culture. Almost everyone in Britain lives within hearing range of bells. The churches in our benefice each have an excellent ring of six bells, some of which date back hundreds of years. Hacheston church has two bells cast in Norwich, one in 1450, the other in 1589, in addition to two made in Ipswich in 1683.

Please come along to Hacheston Church on the afternoon of 28th June to find out more and take the opportunity to ring a bell yourself? Everyone is welcome and anybody over the age of 10 can learn to ring.

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