

Orebeck Benefice Calendar: October 2026

1	Thurs	
2	Fri	
3	Sat	
4	Sun	Trinity 18 / Proper 22
5	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Kettleburgh
6	Tues	
7	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
8	Thurs	
9	Fri	
10	Sat	
11	Sun	Trinity 19
12	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Kettleburgh
13	Tues	
14	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
15	Thurs	
16	Fri	
17	Sat	
18	Sun	Trinity 20
19	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Kettleburgh
20	Tues	
21	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
22	Thurs	
23	Fri	
24	Sat	
25	Sun	Last Sunday of Trinity: Bible Sunday
26	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Kettleburgh
27	Tue	
28	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
29	Thurs	
30	Fri	
31	Sat	Benefice Big Breakfast 9.00 am to 11.00 am Hacheston Village Hall. All welcome!



This month - give thanks for the harvest

Yields may be down, but all is safely gathered in. Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods for passing on to those in need.

Sunday 4 Oct	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
	Readings	Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46	

Sunday 11 Oct	11 am	Holy Communion	Campsea Ashe
	11 am	Harvest Festival	Parham
	3 pm	Harvest Festival	Easton
	5.30 pm	Harvest Festival	Kettleburgh
	Readings	Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14	

Sunday 18 Oct	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Brandeston
	11 am	Holy Communion	Parham
	11 am	Harvest Festival	Campsea Ashe
	Readings	Isaiah 35:3-6; 2 Timothy 4:5-17; Luke 10:1-9	

Sunday 25 Oct	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Marlesford
	11 am	Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
	Readings	Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52	

Saturday 31st 10 am to noon – fundraising Coffee Morning at Parham Village Hall

All Souls' Service at 6 pm on 1st November at Parham – All Welcome

In addition to the 11 am Benefice Service at Easton, there will be a 6 pm service at Parham to mark All Souls' Day. The service will consist of readings and music to commemorate and remember our loved ones who have died. There will be an opportunity for you to light a candle and for the named loved one to be remembered.

If you would like a loved one prayed for, please pass their full name to Reverend Alan (adperry64@gmail.com) or Reverend Emma (harpym@icloud.com).

Next Benefice Service: 11 am on 1st November at Easton

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

Website: www.orebeck.org



The Big Breakfast is Back!
(and it's Free!)

**31st October
23rd November**

9:00-11:00am
Hacheston Village Hall

Orebeck Benefice of churches.

Harry Figgitt and Emily Ward who were married on 5th September in Kettleburgh



KETTLEBURGH QUIZ NIGHT

in the Village Hall

7.30pm

Friday 6 November

Tables of 4

£6 per person

Raffle, Reverse Bingo
Bring your own drinks and snacks

Please pre-book at:
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From Rev Emma

If you're like me you will love autumn - the crisp night skies, the amazing colours, the falling leaves. Did you know that there are over 60,000 species of trees in the world and it is estimated that there are over 3 trillion trees in all - that's a lot of falling leaves! It is nature's way of telling us that death is coming – not in a morbid way but rather to remind us that death is necessary for life.

Autumn is the time to see God at work in the changing seasons; it is a time that invites us to take stock. As the farmers evaluate their harvest and plan for the next crop, we might choose to reflect on God's provision in our lives this year. Have we seen fruitfulness in relationships or projects or in our faith, that we can be thankful for? Perhaps there are things that need to be laid down for a while - old habits to put into hibernation for a season?

The Bible tells us, "For everything there is a season: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to keep and a time to throw away."



The falling leaves are perhaps encouraging us that now might be a good time to let some things go - old hurts, grudges or unforgiveness?

Someone once said, "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go" (author unknown) - death may be necessary for life?

In our transient and unpredictable world, our instincts may be to hold on tightly to the familiar, but Autumn suggests it is time for a fresh start. Have no fear, there is one unchangeable that will always remain: "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." (Isaiah 40:8)