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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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Orebeck Benefice News

September 2024



From Rev'd Ann:

Last month I wrote about hope – real hope in the face of so much uncertainty. As humans, uncertainty is, I think, the only thing that we can be certain of – that and God's presence in it all.

When it comes to faith, I am not sure that we are called to have faith that is unwavering and changeless, no matter what happens in our lives. I have often said, and no doubt will say again, that the opposite of faith is fear. But we often deal with fear by trying to build walls of certainty around ourselves in our beliefs, our attitudes and our prejudices. The problem is that once we think we know everything we stop actively being engaged in the questions which might actually help us to grow.

We might think that doubt and uncertainty distance us from God, but it might be that the distance is more between us and the ideas we have about God, which is a different thing, but more hopeful. 'Growing in faith' includes re-considering the old ideas which have worked for us in the past and that sometimes need an update. That too is a form of faith.

As Christians we stand on the shoulders of some giants of doubt! Let us learn from Moses, Gideon, Jacob, Jonah and Elijah, not to mention all of the disciples at some stage (let's not just single out Thomas!). The great theologian Paul Tillich wrote: 'Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith'. And, of course, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus himself had his moment of doubt.



Our new website contains details of all services and special events throughout the Benefice. Please send items for inclusion to: mickgowar51@gmail.com

Doubt and uncertainty can take us to some scary places and sometimes make us feel very alone. But it may well be that in those times when we feel that God is most absent, he may be most present. One thing we know is that God is not just sitting in heaven looking down on us. He was not sitting in heaven watching as his Son hung on the cross. No, in Jesus he entered our lives completely and fully so that we might know who he is and that we might find him even in our despair, our doubt and uncertainty, because he is sharing all of that with us.

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Benefice PCCs
meeting 16 Sept.
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Benefice Calendar: September 2024

1	Sun	TRINITY 14
2	Mon	4 pm Prayers at Campsea Ashe
3	Tue	
4	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
5	Thu	
6	Fri	
7	Sat	
8	Sun	TRINITY 15
9	Mon	4 pm Prayers at Campsea Ashe
10	Tue	
11	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
12	Thu	
13	Fri	
14	Sat	
15	Sun	TRINITY 16
16	Mon	3 pm Prayers at Rev Ann's house
17	Tue	
18	Wed	5 pm Compline Marlesford
19	Thu	
20	Fri	

Sunday 1st September

11 am Benefice Holy Communion at **Campsea Ashe**.

Sunday 8th September

Brandeston: 9.30 am Holy Communion.
Campsea Ashe: 11.00 am Harvest Festival followed by bring & share lunch at the Station House.
Easton: 11.00 am Morning Worship.
Parham: 11.00 am Holy Communion.
Marlesford: 6.30 pm Evening Prayer.

Sunday 15th September

Marlesford: 9.30 am Holy Communion
Kettleburgh: 11.00 am Holy Communion
Parham: 6.00 pm Evening Prayer

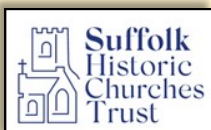
Heritage Group Village Archive Exhibition

at Campsea Ashe Church Saturday 21st September 2 pm to 5 pm.

Benefice PCCs meeting 7pm
 16th Sept Kettleburgh VH.

Ride and Stride for the SHCT. Walk or cycle between our parish churches to raise funds for their upkeep. **Saturday 14th September.**

Details and sponsor forms from www.shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/



Supporting

TWAM
 Tools with a Mission

Bring your unwanted tools and machinery to your church on 14th September. They will be collected and refurbished to help people in developing countries earn a living. www.twam.uk

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21	Sat	
22	Sun	TRINITY 17
23	Mon	4 pm Prayers at Campsea Ashe
24	Tue	
25	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
26	Thu	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	
29	Sun	TRINITY 18
30	Mon	4 pm Prayers at Campsea Ashe
1 Oct		

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

Saturday 28th Sept 2 pm to 4.30
 in Marlesford Community Centre

Macmillan Tea Party



Sunday 22nd September

Easton: 11.00 am Holy Communion
Campsea Ashe: 11.00 am Holy Communion
Marlesford: 11.00 am Harvest Festival
Brandeston: 3.00 pm Harvest Festival followed by tea.
Kettleburgh: 6.30 pm Evening prayer

Sunday 29th September

Hacheston: 9.30 am Benefice Holy Communion.
Kettleburgh: 3.00 pm Benefice Blessing of Animals followed by tea.

The next Benefice Service will be Holy Communion at **Easton** 6th October 11.00 am

Discovery Afternoon at All Saints, Hacheston

Saturday 28th September
 2pm to 5pm

Discover the historical secrets of All Saints Church. Children's activities, bell ringing, history tours and more. All welcome.

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God is not distant at the cross and he is not distant from us even when we think he is. We will never get all the answers to all of our questions in this life, but we can find meaning, and that meaning is to be found in Jesus – Emmanuel – God with us.

We might have a tonne of questions for God, and that is no bad thing. However, sometimes when we really want answers, what we get instead is God's presence.

Go well,
 Ann

Be merciful to
 those who doubt

Jude 1: 22