

Orebeck Benefice Calendar: September 2026

1	Tues	
2	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
3	Thurs	
4	Fri	
5	Sat	
6	Sun	14 th Sunday after Trinity
7	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayer at Campsea Ashe
8	Tues	
9	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
10	Thurs	
11	Fri	
12	Sat	Ride and Stride fund raising for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
13	Sun	15 th Sunday after Trinity
14	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayer at Campsea Ashe
15	Tues	
16	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
17	Thurs	
18	Fri	
19	Sat	
20	Sun	16 th Sunday after Trinity 12.30 pm Wedding at Campsea Ashe
21	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayer at Campsea Ashe
22	Tues	
23	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford 7pm Christian Book Circle, Station House, C. Ashe
24	Thurs	
25	Fri	
26	Sat	
27	Sun	17 th Sunday after Trinity
28	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayer at Campsea Ashe
29	Tue	
30	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford



Plan your own route and log your progress as you walk, cycle, horse-ride or travel by vintage/classic car between Suffolk churches to raise funds for the maintenance of our county's parish churches. See www.shct.org.uk.

If you can't participate, can you sponsor someone and/or volunteer to provide refreshments at your church? **List of participating churches:** -

www.shct.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/SHCT-Church-List-2026.pdf

Sponsor Form: - www.shct.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/SHCT-Sponsorship-Form-2025.pdf

Sunday 13 Sept	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Brandeston
	11 am	Morning Worship + Baptism	Campsea Ashe
	Readings:	Genesis 50: 15-21; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35	

Sunday 20 Sept	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
	11 am	Holy Communion	Parham
	11 am	Harvest Festival	Marlesford
	Readings:	Jonah 3:10 – 4: 11; Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16	

Graeme Richardson and Naomi Butt would like to extend a warm welcome to any member of the congregation who would like to attend their marriage service at St John the Baptist Church, Campsea Ashe on Sunday 20th September at 12.30 pm.

Sunday 27 Sept	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Marlesford
	11 am	Holy Communion	Easton
	11 am	Harvest Festival	Brandeston
	6 pm	Evening Prayer	Parham
	6 pm	Evening Prayer	Kettleburgh
	Readings:	Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32	

Next Benefice Service: 11 am on 4th October in Kettleburgh

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

Website: www.orebeck.org



Congratulations!
Isabelle and Andrew
married at Easton on
14th August.

*Please Note:

While Rev Ann is on her sabbatical, the benefice will be overseen by:

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In an emergency, please contact an Elder or Church Warden.

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Marlesford	St Andrews		
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As you read this, I will be on my sabbatical and will return to work on 1st December. In the meantime, you are in the very good hands of Emma and Alan. I will continue to pray for you all and hope that your autumn months will be full of blessings.

From Rev. Ann

Looking back over the last couple of years, I do seem to have written a lot about uncertainty and faith, but this is no bad thing.

When it comes to faith, I am not sure that we are called to have a faith that is unwavering and changeless, no matter what happens. I have often said, and no doubt will say again, that the opposite of faith is fear and we often deal with fear by trying to build walls of certainty around ourselves, our beliefs, our attitudes and our prejudices. The problem is that once we think we know everything we stop actively asking the questions which might 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 our perception of God. 'Growing in faith' includes re-examining the old ideas which have worked for us in the past and that sometimes need an update. That too is an exercise 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 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.

Of course, doubt and uncertainty can take us to some scary places and sometimes make us feel very alone. But it may well be that when we feel that God is most absent, he may be most present. God is not just sitting in heaven looking down on us, in Jesus he entered our lives completely and fully so that we might know who he is and find him present with us even in our despair, our doubt and uncertainty.

We will never get all the answers to all our questions in this life, but we can find meaning, and that meaning is to be found in Jesus – Emmanuel – God with us. Go well, Ann.