

Orebeck Benefice Calendar August 2026

August 2026		
1	Sat	
2	Sun	9th after Trinity. Lammastide—see back page
3	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Brandeston
4	Tue	
5	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
6	Thu	
7	Fri	
8	Sat	
9	Sun	10th after Trinity
10	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Brandeston
11	Tue	
12	Wed	11th to 13th: 9.30 to 12.30 Holiday Club* at Brandeston V. H.
13	Thu	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
14	Fri	
15	Sat	
16	Sun	11th after Trinity
17	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Brandeston
18	Tue	
19	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
20	Thu	
21	Fri	
22	Sat	
23	Sun	12th after Trinity
24	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Brandeston
25	Tue	
26	Wed	5 pm Compline said at Marlesford
27	Thu	7 pm Book Circle at Station House, CA.
28	Fri	
29	Sat	
30	Sun	13th after Trinity. Safeguarding Sunday
31	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Brandeston

Book Circle



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

Sunday 2 August	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Brandeston
	Celebrate Lammastide with Archdeacon Rich Henderson followed by bring and share ploughman's lunch in Brandeston Village Hall		
	Readings:	Genesis 32:22-31	Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday 9 August	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Brandeston
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Easton
	11 am	Holy Communion	Campsea Ashe
	Readings:	Genesis: 37: 1-4, 12-28	Matthew 14: 22-33

*Space Rangers Holiday Club for Primary age children with family BBQ on Thurs
Info: Mary Baker—marybaker555@hotmail.co.uk / Jackie Clark—jwc51@btinternet.com
Holiday club now fully booked. Contact Jackie or Mary to join the waiting list.

Sunday 16 August	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Marlesford
	11 am	Morning Worship with baptism	Parham
	6 pm	Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
	Readings:	Genesis 45: 1-15	Matt 15: 10-20, 21-28

Sunday 23 August	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Marlesford
	11 am	Holy Communion	Kettleburgh
	6 pm	Evening Prayer	Parham
	Readings:	Exodus 1: 8 to 2: 10	Matthew 16: 13-20

Sunday 30 August	11 am	Benefice Holy Communion for Safeguarding Sunday	Hacheston
	Readings:	Exodus 3: 1-15	Matthew 16: 21-28

Next Benefice Service is on 7th September at 11 am at Campsea Ashe.

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

Congratulations



Ed & Sarah, who got married at All Saints, Easton on 4th July



Lammastide falls midway between the summer solstice and autumn equinox, on the Celtic festival of Lughnasadh when pagans celebrated their harvest.

Christians, inspired by the Old Testament thanksgivings for the “first fruits” of harvest, held “loaf-mass” on the nearest Sunday. Lammastide fairs often lasted several days and included the giving of thanks for the first loaf baked from the newly harvested grain— while asking for blessings on farmers, millers and bakers involved in the process. A good time to remember God’s provision of our “daily bread”, so easily taken for granted!

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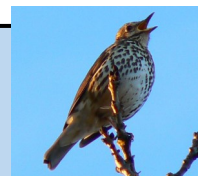
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Rev'd Ann serves on a 0.6 basis, working Saturday to Wednesday mornings. At other times please leave a message or email which she will attend to as soon as possible. In an emergency, please contact an Elder or Church Warden.

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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From Rev. Ann

During the Covid outbreak, in May 2020, a couple of months into the stay-at-home order, millions of people apparently asked Google: Are birds getting louder?

I'm pretty sure birds were just as loud as they've always been. It's just that for the first time in our lives, we weren't creating noise pollution—we could hear the bird song normally drowned out by machinery, traffic and aircraft. It was good timing too...since hearing birdsong lowers cortisol levels in human brains – who knew?

Anyway, I thought about the whole “birds getting louder” thing this week, when I was out in the garden at 7.30 am. From across the road I could hear intrusive pounding and grinding noises from the building site opposite our house.

However, from the other side of the house, when I really listened, streamed the delight and surprise of birdsong. In my right ear, the sounds of human activity; in my left, the morning chimes of my feathered neighbours. Two different sounds, happening at the same time. When I focused on the pounding and grinding, which was easy to do because they were so much louder, the birds seemed to just ...disappear.

Of course they hadn't. I just couldn't hear them when I was tuned into something else.

So it is, with the Word of God's Kingdom, sown throughout our lives. It is nothing less than a divine countermelody to the chaos of this world.

It's a song about a God who doesn't have the decency to be strategic with grace, who has never once in the history of the universe run a cost-benefit analysis on who deserves good news.

This is the truth that is sung by the angels. This word, this logos, is the countermelody to the pounding din of human ambition, greed and pride.

It is a song that eternally says: only God is God. And we are his.

This is God's birdsong, holding the universe together even when we don't perceive it, even when we walk through our lives distracted by the dominating din of this world.

You don't have to Google whether God's grace has got quieter. It has not.

The important thing to know is that the Word of God's kingdom, that deeper truth spoken by the prophets and lived out by Jesus, that countermelody of divine truth, still surrounds you like birdsong, no matter what season of life you are in. It always has. It always will. Tilt your head ever so slightly and I think you will hear it.

Go well,
Ann