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Contacting Rev. Ann

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

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

The Benefice News will be emailed monthly to all who request it, and printed copies will be available at each church.

Please send items for inclusion by the 20th of each month to peter.marett@hotmail.co.uk.

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August 2024



From Rev'd Ann:

I don't know about you, but things seem rather wobbly to me these days, and I can find myself falling into despair about the state of the world. When this happens I find parts of my Christian faith can really help.

In Matthew Chapter 24, after his disciples have admired the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus predicts its destruction and goes on to say, "and you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

John 16:33—I have told you these things that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Jesus is right, these things will happen, and we have to admit our powerlessness in the face of them, which is terrifying. However, as a people with a sacred text we know that we are a very small part of a very big story and having that story should give us an important perspective.

When all we can see and feel and think about is the personal and political that is happening right now, it is good to remember that we are people of an old, old story, that starts at the beginning of time, brushes with the present and reaches into a promised future. More importantly, the promise that God is not yet done and that we are not alone still holds true. This is not a naïve or escapist hope, but the hope of people who have heard a rumour that



there is life after death and hope beyond suffering.

This is the strange thing that people of faith do. We do not invest our trust in financial markets, but in the God of Abraham and Sarah. We do not place our hope in the government but in the God of Isaiah and Mary Magdalene. Our hope is not in our own ability to be hopeful or to get anything right whatsoever. Our hope is in the God of Jonah and Hagar.

If we are anxious today (and maybe we should be), we need to hear that we stand in a big story that has yet to end. We cannot know the end, but when the present threatens to consume us, we can be assured that God's story – our story – is still being written and will continue to be written long after we have left this material world. So, despite our anxieties, as people of faith, we still dare to get our hopes up. Go well, Ann

Benefice Calendar: August 2024		
1	Thu	
2	Fri	
3	Sat	
4	Sun	Trinity 10
5	Mon	Holiday Club* 4pm Prayers at Marlesford
6	Tue	Holiday Club*
7	Wed	Holiday Club* with family BBQ. 5pm Compline at Marlesford
8	Thu	
9	Fri	
10	Sat	
11	Sun	Trinity 11
12	Mon	4pm Prayers at Marlesford
13	Tue	
14	Wed	5pm Compline at Marlesford
15	Thu	
16	Fri	
17	Sat	
18	Sun	Trinity 12
19	Mon	4pm Prayers at Marlesford
20	Tue	10.30 Coffee with Rev. Ann—Station House

Sunday 4th August
11 am Benefice Holy Communion at **Marlesford** including the blessing of the Lammas Loaf, followed by ploughman's lunch.

Sunday 11th August
11.00 am Holiday Club Benefice service at **Brandeston**.
6.00 pm Benefice service of Holy Communion at **Parham**.

Sunday 18th August
11.00 am Morning worship at **Marlesford**.
11.00 am Holy Communion at **Kettleburgh**.
6.00 pm Evening Prayer for the Virgin Mary at **Parham**, followed by refreshments.

***2024 HOLIDAY CLUB at BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL**

Don't forget the **World Maker** church holiday club for Primary age children at Brandeston Village Hall on August 5th to 7th. Details from Mary Baker (01728 685807) or Jackie Clark (01728 723623).



Musicians Needed: We have a flautist and guitarist who play at our Benefice services, and on special occasions. We would love to add a keyboard player or any other instrumentalist who could offer us one Sunday a month (or whatever could be managed). Please contact Rev'd Ann if you can help or know anyone who can.

Benefice Calendar: August 2024		
21	Wed	5pm Compline at Marlesford
22	Thu	
23	Fri	
24	Sat	
25	Sun	Trinity 13
26	Mon	4pm Prayers at Marlesford
27	Tue	
28	Wed	5pm Compline at Marlesford
29	Thu	7.00 pm Christian Book Circle at the Station House, Campsea Ashe
30	Fri	
31	Sat	
1 Sep	Sun	Trinity 14
2	Mon	

Sunday 25th August
9.30 am Holy Communion at **Brandeston**
11.00 am Holy Communion at **Easton**
11.00 am Holy Communion at **Campsea Ashe**.
6.30 pm Evening Prayer at **Kettleburgh**

The next Benefice service will be Holy Communion at 11.00 am on 1 September at **Campsea Ashe**.

Search Your Sheds!
Supporting **TWAM**
Tools with a Mission

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/

The benefice team has agreed to collect tools for this worthwhile charity while our churches are open and "staffed" 9am to 5pm on the day of the Ride and Stride—14th September 2024.

TWAM (Tools with a Mission) is a Christian charity that collects unwanted usable tools (garden tools, sewing machines, car maintenance tools etc), refurbishes them, sorts them into trade tool kits and sends them to the developing world for livelihood creation. In doing so, they also support UK communities through volunteering opportunities and contribute significantly to environmental sustainability by reducing waste and carbon emissions in the UK.

If you have any unused tools you could donate, please bring them to your church on the 14th September. TWAM will then collect them. Thank you.