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Orebeck Benefice News

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

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

To be placed on the mailing list, please contact Rev'd Ann.

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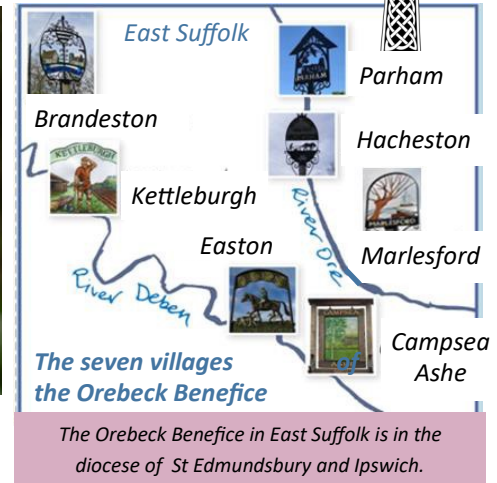
May 2024



From Rev'd Ann:

May is one of my favourite months of the year. We are surrounded by the fresh greenness and new colours of the natural world and the weather (hopefully) is getting warmer.

On the 12th May we celebrate Rogation Sunday. We will be walking from Brandeston, to Kettleburgh and then to Easton (with a picnic and tea and cake in between!). The Christian observance of Rogation was taken from the Roman practice of processing to invoke divine favour to protect crops against mildew. The tradition grew to incorporate the use of processions and litanies to pray for the blessing of the land. The poet George Herbert interpreted the procession as a means of asking for God's blessing on the land, of encouraging fellowship between neighbours with reconciling of differences and of charitable giving to the poor. I think he had the right idea!



We also celebrate Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday in May. These are all important celebrations in the liturgical year and so we will be having a month of benefice services, so that we too can grow in fellowship and ask God's blessing not just on the land, but on the people of our benefice.

Ascension reminds us that Jesus is the universal Christ, part of the Godhead and yet still fully part of each human being. Pentecost gives us the Holy Spirit, our strength, our encourager, and our enabler.

Finally, Trinity Sunday celebrates God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit who moves in a never-ending dance of love through all of creation. Which takes us back to Rogation – a time to ask God to bless, heal and reconcile all that he has made.

Go well,
Ann

Benefice Calendar: May 2024		
29	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers Easton
30	Tue	
1	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
2	Thu	
3	Fri	
4	Sat	
5	Sun	EASTER 6
6	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers Hacheston
7	Tue	
8	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
9	Thu	ASCENSION DAY
10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	ROGATION SUNDAY
13	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Hacheston
14	Tue	
15	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
16	Thu	
17	Fri	
18	Sat	

Easton May Fair on the Village Green
Saturday 4th May
 2 pm to 4 pm
 Fun for all the family



Sunday 5th May
 10 am Benefice Holy Communion at Hacheston

Sunday 12th May
Rogation Sunday Special
 11 am Benefice Holy Communion at Brandeston

Following the service you are invited to move on to Kettleburgh village hall for a picnic and then a walk (or drive) to Easton for a short service and tea and cake. Lifts will be available to reunite people with their cars. (see Rev'd Ann's piece on the front page). Full details to follow.....

12th May: Rogation (from the Latin "rogare" (to ask). Like many Christian festivals, this originated in pagan Rome where a procession followed by the sacrifice of a dog and a sheep was made to implore the gods to protect the crops from blight. Today our prayers are directed to God, our benevolent Protector and Provider, and relate to our spiritual well-being: *"Merciful God, send down upon this village, our homes and farms, all things needful for our spiritual welfare, that we may dwell together in unity and love. Grant that we may reflect the image of the Holy Family, and that our homes be places of virtuous living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"*. In our case, there are seven village and church communities to pray for. As God instructed through the old prophet Jeremiah *"seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you"* (Jeremiah 29:7)

Benefice Calendar: May 2024		
19	Sun	PENTECOST
20	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Hacheston
21	Tue	Coffee morning*
22	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
23	Thu	
24	Fri	
25	Sat	
26	Sun	TRINITY SUNDAY
27	Mon	4 pm Monday Prayers at Hacheston
28	Tue	
29	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford
30	Thu	
31	Fri	

Sunday 19th May
 10 am Benefice Holy Communion at Marlesford
 6 pm Evening Prayer at Parham

Sunday 26th May
 10 am Benefice Holy Communion at Campsea Ashe
 6.30 pm Evening Prayer at Kettleburgh

Saturday 1st June 2pm at Saints Hacheston
Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of Helen Brookes.
 Everyone who knew Helen is welcome to the service and tea in the village hall afterwards.

The next **Benefice Service** is at Kettleburgh on 2nd June at 10 am.



*Meet Rev'd. Ann for coffee at The Station House, **Campsea Ashe** on the third Tuesday of every month between 10.30 am and noon. Parking is available at the station or at Clark & Simpson's auction centre.

9th May: Remembering the **Ascension** when Jesus returned to the Father to prepare a place for us. But He didn't leave us to cope on our own

19th May: Celebrating **Pentecost** when the promised Holy Spirit arrived to encourage, inspire and empower the followers of Jesus. Previously God's presence was symbolised with a flame in the temple. At Pentecost flames of God's presence rested on each of those assembled—indicating that God is present now with each individual believer. Together we make up his Church, God's ambassadors in the world.

26th May: Trinity Sunday when we remember that God reveals himself as three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—together in the one Godhead. Three, yet so perfectly united in love, they are one. A mystery beyond our ability to understand!