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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 reconsidering 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 know who he is and that we might find him 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 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. See page 2

		Benefice Calendar: Septembe	r 2024	
1	Sun	TRINITY 14		Sunday 1st September
2	Mon	4 pm Prayers at Campsea Ashe		11 am Benefice Holy Communion
3	Tue			at Campsea Ashe.
4	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford		
5	Thu		7	Sunday 8th September
6	Fri		Brandes	ton: 9.30 am Holy Communion.
7	Sat		•	a Ashe: 11.00 am Harvest Festival
8	Sun	TRINITY 15 ←		l by bring & share lunch at the
9	Mon	pm Prayers at Campsea Ashe Easton: 11.00 am Morning Worship.		
10	Tue		-1	11.00 am Holy Communion.
11	Wed	5 pm Compline at Marlesford Marlesford: 6.30 pm Evening Prayer.		
12	Thu			
13	Fri			Sunday 15th September
+ 14	Sat		Marlosf	ord: 9.30 am Holy Communion
15	Sun	TDINITY 1C		urgh: 11.00 am Holy Communion
16	Mon	3 pm Prayers at Rev Ann's hous	e Parham	: 6.00 pm Evening Prayer
17	Tue			
18	Wed	5 pm Compline Marlesford	Heritage	Group Village Archive Exhibition
19	Thu	Benefice PCCs meeting 7pm	at Camp	sea Ashe Church Saturday 21st
20	Fri	16th Sept Kettleburgh VH.	Septemb	per 2 pm to 5 pm.
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to your church on 14th September.

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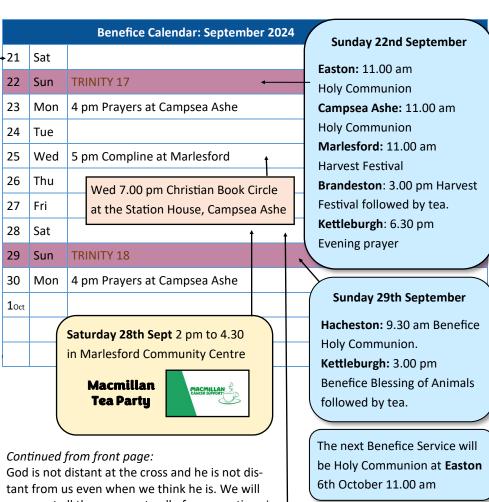
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God is not distant at the cross and he is not distant from us even when we think he is. We will never get all the answers to all of our questions in this life, but we can find meaning, and that meaning is to be found in Jesus – Emmanuel – God with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

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.