



## THE NORTH BOSMERE BENEFICE

**Coddenham, Creeting St Mary,  
Creeting St Peter, Crowfield,  
Earl Stonham with Stonham Parva,  
Gosbeck, Hemingstone,  
Stonham Aspal and Mickfield**



**CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER & SERVICES IN LINE WITH NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

**All services are Benefice services.**

**To join a Zoom service** email [reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com](mailto:reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com).

Click on the link in the email from Ruth to join the service

**To attend a service in a church building** book with Rev Philip, details below by 6pm 2 days before the service

### **THIS SUNDAY 13 December – Advent 3**

**Readings:** Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24,  
John 1. 6-8, 19-28

9.30am	Online Zoom	Morning Worship
11.00am	Creeting St Peter	Toy and Gift service with Holy Communion
2pm, 3.30pm	Gosbeck VH	Carols in the Carpark

**Wednesday 16 December** 9am Zoom Morning Prayer

**Thursday 17 December** 7pm Hemingstone Compline

**Friday 18 December** 6.30pm Zoom Evening Prayer

### **NEXT SUNDAY 20 December – Advent 4**

**Readings:** 2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16, Romans 16. 25-27,  
Luke 1. 26-38

11.00am	Creeting St Mary	Morning Prayer BCP
11.00am	Crowfield	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Online Zoom	Carol Service

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# READINGS 13 December

## Advent 3

### Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11

**61** The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
**2** to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
**3** to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
**4** They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
**8** For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
**9** Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
**10** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
**11** For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

## **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

## **John 1:6-8, 19-28**

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' <sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' <sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' <sup>23</sup> He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
"Make straight the way of the Lord"',

as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup> They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' <sup>26</sup> John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup> the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' <sup>28</sup> This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

# WHAT'S ON

**CHRISTMAS MUGS** Any mugs or items to go in these to be taken to Potash Farm, Church Road, Crowfield. More in the Ten Village news or from Sue on [suehargadon@outlook.com](mailto:suehargadon@outlook.com) or 01449 711906 or 07754 611004.

**SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 11am CREETING ST PETER  
JOINT TOY AND GIFT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

This Sunday we will hold a joint 'Christmas toy and gift service and service of holy communion.' at Creeting St Peter. The first part of the service will focus on giving, Gifts, unwrapped please, which will be passed to the Refuge in Ipswich. The toy and gift donation will be followed immediately by a shortened celebration of Holy Communion.

**SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 2pm and 3.30pm  
GOSBECK VILLAGE HALL DRIVE-IN CAROLS IN THE CAR PARK.  
The church band will lead the singing.**

There will be two Drive-in Carol Services in the Car Park at Gosbeck Village Hall on Sunday 13 December: 2pm and 3.30pm. Space is limited and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To book please contact Steve Cole asap on [stevecole1000@btinternet.com](mailto:stevecole1000@btinternet.com) or 01449 761792 giving: which service (2pm or 3.30pm); your name, how many people will be in your car, Reg Number and contact details. These will be kept for 3 weeks for Track and Trace purposes. Please note: this is a drive-in service. For safety reasons you will be asked to remain in your car and we are unable to admit anyone arriving on foot or by bike.

**MONDAY 21 DECEMBER  
2.30pm at EARL STONHAM CHURCH or 7pm on ZOOM  
LONGEST NIGHT**

This is a new service for all those who may be finding Christmas difficult for whatever reason. It will be a short service of readings, prayers and music. Book as usual with Philip for Earl Stonham and Ruth for Zoom.

**For your event here or to receive this by email, contact Liz on 01449 711365 or [lizandjohnnince@gmail.com](mailto:lizandjohnnince@gmail.com) by Tuesday**