



THE NORTH BOSMERE BENEFICE

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



IN LIGHT OF THE INCREASING RATE OF COVID-19 INFECTION IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT SERVICES IN CHURCH BUILDINGS IN THIS BENEFICE ARE SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING.

HOWEVER, CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER IN LINE WITH THE NEW COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.

**All services are on Zoom and are Benefice services.
All are welcome.**

To join a Zoom service: email reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com.
at least 2 days before the service. Click on the link she sends.

THIS SUNDAY 17 January – Epiphany 2

Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20] Revelation 5.1-10,
John 1.43-51

9.30am Zoom Morning Worship

Wednesday 20 January 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Friday 22 January 6.30pm Zoom Evening Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 24 January – Epiphany 3

Readings: Genesis 14. 17-20, Revelation 19. 6-10, John 2. 1-11

9.30am Zoom Morning Worship

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READINGS 17 January

Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. **2** At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; **3** the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' **5** and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. **6** The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. **8** The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. **9** Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' [**11** Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. **12** On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. **13** For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. **14** Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

15 Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. **16** But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' **17** Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' **18** So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

19 As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. **20** And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

Revelation 5:1-10

5 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; **2** and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' **3** And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. **4** And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. **5** Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' **6** Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. **7** He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. **8** When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9** They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; **10** you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

John 1:43-51

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' **46** Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' **47** When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' **48** Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' **49** Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' **50** Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' **51** And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

**DURING THIS NEW LOCKDOWN OUR CHURCHES ARE STILL OPEN
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER AS BELOW:**

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| Coddenham | Thursdays 8am-5pm |
| Creeting St Mary | Sundays 2pm-4pm |
| Creeting St Peter | Sundays 10am-3pm |
| Crowfield | Sundays 10am-4pm |
| Earl Stonham | Sundays 12pm-4pm |
| Gosbeck | Wednesdays and Sundays 9am-6pm |
| Hemingstone | Every day |
| Stonham Aspal | Sundays 10am-4pm |

COVID PRECAUTIONS - CHURCH WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Regrettably, the time has come to suspend all routine physical services inside the church buildings of Coddenham, Creeting St Mary, Creeting St Peter, Crowfield, Earl Stonham with Stonham Parva, Gosbeck, Hemingstone, Stonham Aspal with Mickfield. We have taken this decision reluctantly but in the light of the current rates of infection, and the advice we are hearing from the Chief Medical Officer, now is the time to step back.

Although the buildings are closed, we continue to meet on line for worship and prayer. We continue also to pray for the needs of the moment, please contact me or any of my colleagues for further information. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to being able to open our doors and welcome all again soon.

Church buildings will remain open one day per week for private prayer and churchyards remain accessible. Regular Zoom services take place on Wednesdays at 9 am, Fridays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 9:30am. To join our on-line services please contact Ruth Dennigan reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com

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WHAT'S ON

ANNUAL REAL CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

These can be left at Crowfield Village Hall for recycling between 7am Wednesday 20 January and 6.30pm Wednesday 27 January.

For your event here or to receive this by email, contact Liz on 01449 711365 or lizandjohnince@gmail.com by Tuesday