



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.

at least 2 days before Click on the link 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 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

Monday 21 December	2.30pm	Earl Stonham	Longest Night
	7.00pm	Zoom	Longest Night

Wednesday 23 December	9am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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Thursday 24 December: Christmas Eve

3.00pm	Creeting St Peter	Carols in churchyard
4.00pm	Zoom	Crib Service
4.00pm	Coddenham	Outside Christmas Story
11.30pm	Stonham Aspal	Holy Communion

Friday 25 December: Christmas Day

10.00am	Zoom	Morning Worship
10.00am	Earl Stonham	Holy Communion

Readings for
Christmas Eve
and Christmas
Day
Isaiah 52.7-10
Hebrews 1.1-4
[5-12]
John 1. 1-14

NEXT SUNDAY 27 December – Christmas 1

Readings: Isaiah 61.10-62.3, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21

11.00am	Gosbeck	Holy Communion
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READINGS 20 December

Advent 4

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

7 Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, **2** the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' **3** Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: **5** Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? **6** I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. **7** Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' **8** Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; **9** and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. **10** And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, **11** from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. **16** Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Romans 16:25-27

25 Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages **26** but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— **27** to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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CHRISTINGLE

Thank you all for more than £405 raised for the Children's Society.

DRIVE IN CAROL SERVICES

£480 was raised for FIND (Families in Need). Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the successful afternoon.

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY 21 DECEMBER

2.30pm at EARL STONHAM or 7pm on ZOOM

LONGEST NIGHT

Christmas can be a difficult time, for a whole variety of reasons. This short service of readings, silence, prayers and music is intended to provide you with space to acknowledge that difficulty, and to allow God to meet with you in your pain, sadness, confusion, isolation or concern. Book as usual with Philip for Earl Stonham and Ruth for Zoom.

Christmas Eve



Benefice Crib Service

Christmas Eve at 4pm on ZOOM

Join the service by emailing
reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com

for the link.

During Advent we get ready for Christmas, so, as we can't build a crib in the church this year, we can prepare to build our own at home.

If you can find a box for the stable, animals, an angel, shepherds, sheep, a star, Mary and Joseph, and wise men and have all these things ready and with you on Christmas Eve.

Also make sure you have your instruments so you can play and sing. Bring your teddy dressed as a character from the nativity to the service and we will tell the Christmas story in words and song, as you build your own crib!

Coddenham Church

**THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS TOLD OUTSIDE IN
WORDS, MUSIC AND LIGHT
3.40 for 4pm Christmas Eve**

Charlotte will be singing carols before the service. Bring torches as we will be able to sing carols as well, all socially distanced.

Please park in the Coddenham Centre Car park.

Book for by contacting Rev Philip at least 2 days before
on 01449 711684 or revphilippayne@btinternet.com

Midnight Eucharist

Holy Communion will be celebrated at Stonham Aspal at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve. There will be music, but no singing.

Christmas Day

At 10.00am on Zoom – Morning Worship for Christmas Day

At 10.00am at Earl Stonham - Holy Communion.

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