



## 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 COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

**All services are Benefice services**

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

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

### **THIS SUNDAY 3 January – Epiphany**

**Readings:** Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3. 1-12, Matthew 2. 1-12

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|---------|------------------|-----------------|
| 9.30am  | Zoom             | Morning Worship |
| 11.00am | Creeting St Mary | Holy Communion  |
| 11.00am | Crowfield        | Morning Prayer  |

Wednesday 6 January 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Friday 8 January 6.30pm Zoom Evening Prayer

### **NEXT SUNDAY 10 January – Epiphany 1 Plough Sunday**

**Readings:** Genesis 1.1-5, Acts 19.1-7, Mark 1.4-11

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| 9.30am  | Zoom      | Plough Sunday  |
| 11.00am | Coddenham | Holy Communion |

Rector: **Revd Philip Payne 01449 711684**  
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# READINGS 3 January

## Epiphany

### Isaiah 60:1-6

**60** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

### Ephesians 3:1-12

**3** This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who

created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## **Matthew 2:1-12**

**2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

# WHAT'S ON

**Please check the details of any of these events in light of Tier 4 restrictions**

**At present our churches are still open for private prayer:**

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

## PRAYERS

In these difficult times, members of our churches continue to pray for our communities and individuals. Please contact any member of the Ministry team or Maggie Podd 07939 912080.

## CHRISTMAS MUGS

Thank you to all those who contributed to the mugs. They were much appreciated.

## 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.

**THURSDAY 14 JANUARY TEN VILLAGE WALKING GROUP** meet at Gosbeck Village Hall at 9.30am. There will be staggered starting times. More details from [suehargadon@outlook.com](mailto:suehargadon@outlook.com) or 01449 711906 or 07754 611004.

**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**