



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## 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 6 December – Advent 2**

**Readings:** Isaiah 40. 1-11, 2 Peter 3. 8-15a, Mark 1. 1-8

9.30am	Online Zoom	Morning Worship
11.00am	Hemingstone	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Coddenham	Evening Prayer

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

**Thursday 10 December** 7pm Hemingstone Compline

**Friday 11 December** 6.30pm Zoom Evening Prayer

**Saturday 12 December** 12 noon Crowfield Wedding  
Shirley Stagg & Aaron Cook

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

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

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

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# READINGS 6 December

## Advent 2

### Isaiah 40:1-11

**40** Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'  
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

<sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'

<sup>10</sup> See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

## **2 Peter 3:8-15**

<sup>8</sup> But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

<sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup> But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## **Mark 1:1-8**

**1** The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight",

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

# 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 6 DECEMBER 2PM CODDENHAM**

### **The East Of England Co-op Band**

#### **will be playing in small groups around Coddendam**

They will play at 2pm in the churchyard and at Green Hill. At 3.00pm the groups will play at the Coddendam Centre. Festive refreshments will be available in the churchyard and at The Coddendam Centre. A just giving page has been set up to support the Co-op Band and St Mary's Church

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ian-burton?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=RdM9dAGkN](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ian-burton?utm_id=1&utm_term=RdM9dAGkN)

**WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER TEN VILLAGE WALKING GROUP** meet at 9.30am at Helmingham churchyard. Thursday 14 January. More details from [suehargadon@outlook.com](mailto:suehargadon@outlook.com) or 01449 711906 or 07754 611004.

## **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 on 01449 761792 or [stevecole1000@btinternet.com](mailto:stevecole1000@btinternet.com) 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.

**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**