



THE NORTH BOSMERE BENEFICE

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



SERVICES IN CHURCH BUILDINGS IN THIS BENEFICE ARE STILL SUSPENDED IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 RATES.

HOWEVER, CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER IN LINE WITH CURRENT 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 14 March – Mothering Sunday

Readings: 1 Samuel 1.20-28, Colossians 3.12-17,
John 19.25b-27

9.30am Zoom Mothering Sunday Worship

Tuesday 16 March 7.30pm Zoom Lent Group

Wednesday 17 March 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Wednesday 17 March 10.00am Zoom Lent Group

Wednesday 17 March 11.15am Zoom Lent Group

Friday 19 March 6.30pm Zoom Compline

NEXT SUNDAY 21 March – Passion Sunday

Readings: Jeremiah 31. 31-34, Hebrews 5. 5-10,
John 12. 20-33

9.30am Zoom Morning Worship

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READINGS 14 March

Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 1:20-28

²⁰ In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

²¹ The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. ²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' ²³ Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. ²⁴ When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. ²⁵ Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶ And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷ For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.'

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And

let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19:25-27

²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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GOOD NEWS!

OUR CHURCHES BEGIN TO OPEN FOR SERVICES!

It has been decided that churches in our Benefice will begin to open for services in addition to our Zoom services. Covid -19 guidance will still be followed as before. The first physical services (and a Zoom) will take place on **Easter Sunday**, as follows:

- 6am Dawn Service in Earl Stonham Churchyard
- 9.30am Easter Morning Worship on Zoom
- 11am Easter Holy Communion at Stonham Aspal Church

PRAYERS FOR OUR TIME

Lord Jesus, you experienced in person torture and death as a prisoner of conscience. You were beaten and flogged, and sentenced to an agonizing death though you had done no wrong.

Be now with prisoners of conscience throughout the world. Be with them in their fear and loneliness, in the agony of physical and mental torture, and in the face of execution and death. Stretch out your hands in power to break their chains.

Be merciful to the oppressor and the torturer, and place a new heart within them.

Forgive all injustice in our lives, and transform us to be instruments of your peace, for by your wounds we are healed.

Amen.

Amnesty International

Dear Lord

As we approach another Easter in lockdown, let us look back on the last twelve months.

Let us pray for all those who have struggled in any way, with ill health, with death, with home schooling, with isolation, with financial difficulties and all the other stresses of this situation.

We remember at this time, the trials and temptations of our Lord, Jesus Christ as he approached his death on the cross.

Help us, Lord, to look forward with hope to his resurrection on Easter Sunday and to a time when our lives will be less restricted and we will be able to mix together more freely. Amen.

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