



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 21 February – Lent 1

Readings: Genesis 9. 8-17, 1 Peter 3. 18-22, Mark 1. 9-15
9.30am Zoom Morning Worship

Tuesday 23 February 7.30pm Zoom Lent Group

Wednesday 24 February 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Wednesday 24 February 10.00am Zoom Lent Group

Wednesday 24 February 11.15am Zoom Lent Group

Friday 26 February 6.30pm Zoom Compline

NEXT SUNDAY 28 February – Lent 2

Readings: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16, Romans 4.13-25,
Mark 8. 31-38

9.30am Zoom Morning Worship

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READINGS 21 February - Lent 1

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ ¹² God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ ¹⁷ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Mark 1:9-15

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on

him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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REGULAR CHURCH OPENING TIMES

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

CHANGES TO CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Coddenham Church

Open on Sunday 28th Feb instead of Thursday 25th Feb

Stonham Aspal Church - Closed on Sunday 21 February

A PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

God in Heaven,
you have helped my life to grow like a tree.
Now something has happened.
Satan, like a bird,
has carried in one twig of his own choosing after another.
Before I knew it,
he had built a dwelling-place and was living in it.
Tonight, my Father,
I am throwing out both the bird and the nest.

*A Nigerian Christian
The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers, Louisville 2002*

WHAT'S ON

LENT GROUPS

Last chance to join our Lent Groups on Zoom - and an extra group offered!

If you'd like a way to help you to specially mark Lent this year, why not join one of our Lent Groups. Running on Zoom only due to the current restrictions, we will meet to follow "Living Lent with Mark" - six sessions looking at the events we remember during Holy Week, from Jesus' last supper with his disciples, to their awaiting his resurrection. How can we better understand this story and what it means for us, now? How might it help us draw closer to God this Lent, Holy Week and Easter?

Due to demand, an extra time has been added on Wednesdays.

Choose from:

- Six Tuesday evenings from 23rd Feb-30th March, 7.30-8.30pm, led by Henry (contact henrystanford@btinternet.com for more information and to book your place)
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- Six Wednesday mornings from 24th Feb-31st March, 10-11am or 11.15am-12.15, led by Ruth (contact reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com for more information and to book your place).

WHERE TO FIND OTHER WORSHIP

BBC Radio 4 LW: 9.45am - Daily Worship

BBC Radio 4: 8.10am - Sunday Lent worship

BBC Radio 3: 3.30pm - Wednesdays

Choral Evensong

BBC 1: 11am - Worship each Sunday in Lent

BBC 1: 1.15pm - Songs of Praise



Also services on St Edmundsbury Cathedral and Bishop Martin and Mike Facebook pages. Livestreamed services on St Edmundsbury Cathedral Website.

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