



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 28 February – Lent 2

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

9.30am Zoom Morning Worship

Tuesday 2 March 7.30pm ZoomLent Group

Wednesday 3 March 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Wednesday 3 March 10.00am Zoom Lent Group

Wednesday 3 March 11.15am Zoom Lent Group

Friday 5 March 6.30pm Zoom World Day of Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 7 March – Lent 3

Readings: Exodus 20.1-17, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22

9.30am Zoom Morning Worship

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READINGS 21 February - Lent 1

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹⁷ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Romans 4:13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³ Now the words, 'it was

reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 8:31-38

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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CHANGES TO CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Coddenham Church

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


A PRAYER

This week, the Church of England has celebrated the life and work of George Herbert, poet and vicar of Bemerton, near Salisbury.

He wrote the words to some much-loved hymns, including "Come my way, my truth, my life", "King of glory, King of peace", "Let all the world in every corner sing", "Teach me my God and King", "The God of love my shepherd is" and this little gem:

Enrich, Lord, heart, mouth, hands in me,
With faith, with hope, with charity:
That I may run, rise, rest with thee.
Amen.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021
Praying with Vanuatu 
FRIDAY 5 MARCH

ONLINE ZOOM SERVICE

6.30 pm

FRIDAY 5th MARCH 2021

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regular distribution list*)

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<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/62cdac16-e554-4a55-add9-53bbde3e1e28>

Thank you

**For your event here or to receive this by email, contact Liz on
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