



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 7 February – Second Sunday before Lent

Readings: Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31, Colossians 1. 15-20,
John 1. 1-14

Wednesday 3 February 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Friday 5 February 6.30pm Zoom Evening Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 14 February – Sunday before Lent

Readings: 2 Kings 2. 1-12, 2 Corinthians 5. 20b-6.10,
John 8. 1-11

9.30am Zoom Morning Worship

Rector: Revd Philip Payne 01449 711684
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READINGS 7 February

Second Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

8 Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
22 The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
23 Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
27 When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
28 when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness

of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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Eternal God, the refuge of all Your children,
in our weakness You are our strength,
in our darkness our light,
in our sorrow our comfort and peace.
May we always live in Your presence,
and serve You in our daily lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

St. Boniface (675-754 A.D.)

WHAT'S ON

REGULAR CHURCH OPENING TIMES

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| Coddenham | Thursdays 8am-5pm |
| Creeping St Mary | Sundays 2pm-4pm |
| Creeping 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 Tuesday 9th Feb instead of Thursday 11th Feb
Open on Sunday 28th Feb instead of Thursday 25th Feb

Stonham Aspal Church

Closed on Sunday 20 February

Lent Groups on Zoom for 2021!

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?

- 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)
- Six Wednesday mornings from 24th Feb-31st March, 10-11am, led by Ruth (contact reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com for more information and to book your place).

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