



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 7 March – Lent 3

Readings: Exodus 20.1-17, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22
9.30am Zoom Morning Worship

Tuesday 9 March 7.30pm Zoom Lent Group

Wednesday 10 March 9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10 March 10.00am Zoom Lent Group

Wednesday 10 March 11.15am Zoom Lent Group

Friday 12 March 6.30pm Zoom Compline

NEXT 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

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READINGS 7 March - Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17

20 Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God

through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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A PRAYER FOR YEMEN

Giver of Life,

Who hears the cries from Yemen;

of mothers choosing between medicine or food,

of parents grieving children lost to starvation,

of those who have given up everything in hunger.

Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace.

In your mercy, break political deadlocks, soften hardened hearts, change closed minds, open unhearing ears.

Let people come before power. Let life be holy again.

Let your justice and peace shape the nation of Yemen and the lives of all people.

Amen.

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MOTHERING SUNDAY – 14 MARCH

On Zoom at 9.30am will be our Benefice Mothering Sunday service. A long time ago, on the fourth Sunday in Lent people returned to their 'Mother church', the church where they had been baptised. Servants would be given a rare day off to return to worship together at the family church. Mothering Sunday is a day to celebrate 'mothering'. We celebrate all those who care for others as they would care for a child.

If you would like to light a candle during the service, to remember those involved in your 'mothering' please make sure you have matches and candle near you. If you wish to play music along with the hymns have your instruments with you also. If you have made a heart flower bring this to the service too.

Don't forget to register with Ruth reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com by 11 March to get the link unless you are on her regular mailing list or you will miss the service....

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

HEMINGSTONE CHURCH



Hemingstone has a Restoration project underway - Phase 1 - works to interior of tower starting in the summer 2021 - and needs to raise more money to continue the project. If you are able to help please use this QR Code – scan this with the camera app. on your phone and it will lead you to the “givealittle” website or give on line at

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

Thank you

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