



# THE NORTH BOSMERE BENEFICE

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



To join a Zoom service: email [northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com)  
at least 2 days before the service. Click on the link you receive.

## THIS SUNDAY 12 December – Advent 3

**Readings:** Zephaniah 3. 14-end, Philippians 4. 4-7, Luke 3. 7-18

9.30am	Zoom	Morning Worship
<b>10.00am</b>	Hemingstone	Holy Communion
11.00am	Creeting St Mary	Toy and Gift Service
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Holy Communion, toys & gifts
<del>3.30pm</del>	<del>Stonham Aspal</del>	<del>Christingle for All</del> <b>Postponed</b>
5.00pm	Creeting St Peter	Christmas lights, toys & gifts

Tuesday 14 December 9.00am Zoom Morning Worship  
Thursday 16 December 9.00pm Zoom Compline

## NEXT SUNDAY 19 December – Advent 4

**Readings:** Micah 5. 2-5a, Hebrews 10. 5-10, Luke 1. 39-45

9.30am	Zoom	Morning Worship
11.00am	Creeting St Peter	Holy Communion BCP
4.00pm	Coddenham	Carol Service with Choir
4.00pm	Hemingstone	Carol Service with Band
6.30pm	Creeting St Mary	Carol Service
6.30pm	Gosbeck	Carol Service with Choir
6.30pm	Stonham Aspal	Carols round the tree

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# READINGS 12 December – Advent 3

## **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

15 The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

17 The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

18 as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

19 I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

20 At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes, says the Lord.

## **Philippians 4:4-7**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **Luke 3:7-18**

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

10 And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' 11 In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' 12 Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' 13 He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' 14 Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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## **EVENTS POSTPONED**

**Saturday 11 December Stonham Aspal: MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**Postponed until February**

**Sunday 12 December Stonham Aspal: CHRISTINGLE FOR ALL**  
**Postponed until 16 January**

Both events postponed as there are 4 classes at the Primary School closed due to Covid. Hopefully both will go ahead in the New Year.

# WHAT'S ON

**Creeting St Peter** church is **CLOSED** except for services, following anti-social behaviour.

**Saturday 11 December 10am-12 noon Creeting St Peter Church Hall: COFFEE MORNING.**

**Sunday 12 December 11am Earl Stonham: HOLY COMMUNION WITH TOYS AND GIFTS.**

**Sunday 12 December 11am Creeting St Mary: TOY AND GIFT SERVICE.**

**Sunday 12 December 5pm Creeting St Peter: TOY, GIFT and CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON.**

**Thursdays 8.45am-11.30pm Stonham Aspal: FREE COFFEE and CAKE.** Everyone welcome to this Community Event.

**Thursdays in December 9pm Zoom: COMPLINE.**

## Sunday 19 December

**4pm Coddendam: CAROL SERVICE with BENEFICE CHOIR.**

**4pm Hemingstone: CAROL SERVICE with BAND.**

**6.30pm Creeting St Mary: CAROL SERVICE.**

**6.30pm Gosbeck: CAROL SERVICE with BENEFICE CHOIR.**

**6.30pm Stonham Aspal: CAROLS ROUND THE TREE.**

## Monday 20 December

**6pm Crowfield Village Hall: CAROL SINGING** Contact Sue 01449 711906 or Carol 07710 722268 for details.

**6.30pm Earl Stonham: CAROLS ON THE GREEN**

**6.30pm Does Field, Stonham Aspal: CAROL SINGING.** Mulled wine afterwards.

**Tuesday 21 December 2.30pm Henley and 7pm Zoom: LONGEST NIGHT.**

**Tuesday 21 December 6.30pm Coddendam Shop: CAROL SINGING.**

**For your event on here or to receive this by email, contact Liz on 01449 711365 or [lizandjohnince@gmail.com](mailto:lizandjohnince@gmail.com) by Tuesday**