



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 with your screen name at least 2 days before the service.

THIS SUNDAY 11 December – Advent 3

Readings: Isaiah 35. 1-10, James 5. 7-10, Matthew 11. 2-11

9.30am	Zoom	Morning Worship
9.30am	Hemingstone	Holy Communion
9.30am	Stonham Aspal	Carols for All
11.00am	Creeting St Mary	Toy and Gift service
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Holy Communion with Toys & Gifts
5.00pm	Creeting St Peter	Christmas lights with Toys & Gifts

Tuesday 13 December

9.00am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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Wednesday 14 December

10.30am	Earl Stonham	Holy Communion
9.00pm	Zoom	Compline

NEXT SUNDAY 18 December – Advent 4

Readings: Isaiah 7. 10-16, Romans 1. 1-7, Matthew 1. 18-24

9.30am	Zoom	Morning Worship with Carols
11.00am	Creeting St Peter	Holy Communion BCP
4.00pm	Coddenham	Carols service with Benefice Choir
4.00pm	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

Rector: **Revd Philip Payne 01449 711684**

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READINGS 11 December – Advent 3

Isaiah 35. 1-10

35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus

² it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11:2-11

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'
⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."
¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

WHAT'S ON

ADVENT ANGELS

Join us with a Reverse Advent Calendar.... Donate food or toiletries to the Angel of the day between **1st to 24th December**. Bring your item to **St Gregory's Church, Hemingstone**, leave it with the Angel of the Day who will deliver to the Families in Need Charity for onward delivery to those most in need well into the new year. Thank you in advance for your support remembering to have a long shelf life on the item you donate.

Tuesday 13 December, 12 - 1pm, Creeting St Mary Village Hall: SOUP LUNCH.

Wednesday 14 December, 9.30am, Helmingham Churchyard: TEN VILLAGE COMMUNITY WALKING GROUP. More details from suehargadon@outlook.com or 07754 611004 or 01449 711906.

Wednesday 14 December, Starting at Hemingstone church at 6pm, DOORSTEP CAROLS - coming to your doorstep "Carol singing" in Hemingstone. In aid of FIND - Families in Need Charity.

Every Thursday, 8.45am - 11.30am, Stonham Aspal church: COFFEE FOR EVERYONE. Bring a friend, under fives – bring an adult!

Thursday 15 December, 2 pm at Chapel Farm, Fen Lane, Earl Stonham, IP14 5EF: BIBLE STUDY – ACTS. We are looking at the power of the Spirit at work in God's people! Do join this study group if you have never read the Bible with others, and see how exciting and refreshing it can be. If you would like to know more, contact Anne or Henry Stanford. henrystanford@btinternet.com or Anne on 07766830977.

Sunday 18 December, 4pm, Hemingstone Church. VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE. Sing Carols accompanied by Benefice Band and listen to Christmas story. A retiring collection will be to our Christmas Charity - FIND - Families in Need. Join us afterwards for mulled wine.

Sunday 18 December, 6.30pm, Stonham Aspal Church: CAROLS ROUND THE TREE. Carols and readings with a difference by candlelight. Seasonal refreshments.

Thursday 22 December, 6.30pm start at Does Field, Stonham Aspal: CAROL SINGING. Mulled wine afterwards.

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