



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 4 December – Advent 2

Readings: Isaiah 11. 1-10, Romans 15. 4-13, Matthew 3. 1-12

9.30am	Zoom	Morning Worship
9.30am	Crowfield	Morning Worship
11.00am	Coddenham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Gosbeck	Advent Carol Service
3.30pm	Earl Stonham	Christingle
4.00pm	Hemingstone	Evening Prayer

Tuesday 6 December

9.00am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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Wednesday 7 December

9.00pm	Zoom	Compline
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Saturday 10 December

4.00pm	Stonham Parva	Carols by candlelight with Benefice Choir
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NEXT 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

Rector: Revd Philip Payne 01449 711684

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READINGS 4 December – Advent 2

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm

the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; ¹⁰ and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; ¹¹ and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; ¹² and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'
¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume 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. ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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.

Sunday 4 December, 2.30pm, Coddendam Church: CHRISTMAS AT CODDENHAM, FESTIVE BRASS. Tickets: adults £12, children free, including seasonal refreshments, from Coddendam shop, Margaret 01449 760207 or Ann 01449 761819. Proceeds for church Fabric Fund.

Tuesday 6 December, 12 noon, Gosbeck Village Hall: SERVICE AND SOUP. Information from Judy Hailes, [01449 760375](tel:01449760375).

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

Thursday 8 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.

Friday 9 December, 10am – 12.30pm, Earl Stonham Village Hall: ADVENT WREATH MAKING with Red Lavender Floristry. All materials provided including refreshments and home made cakes. £30. Booking essential – annestanford@btinternet.com or 01449 711742.

Tuesday 13 December, 12 - 1pm, Creting 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.

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