



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

**WEDNESDAY 18 January – Wednesday 25 January**  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**SUNDAY 22 January – Epiphany 3**

**Readings:** Isaiah 9. 1-4, 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18, Matthew 4. 12-23

9.30am	Zoom	Morning Worship
9.30am	Hemingstone	Morning Worship
9.30am	Stonham Aspal	Holy Communion with Baptism
11.00am	Creeting St Mary	Holy Communion
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Morning Worship
4.00pm	Coddenham	Evening Prayer

**TUESDAY 24 January**

9.00am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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**NEXT SUNDAY 29 January – Epiphany 4 - Candlemas**

**Readings:** 1 Kings 17. 8-16, 1 Corinthians 1. 18-end, John 2. 1-11

10.00am	Earl Stonham	Benefice Holy Communion
4.00pm	Stonham Aspal	Choral Evensong

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# READINGS 22 January – Epiphany 3

## Isaiah 9:1-4

<sup>9</sup> But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> 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.

## Matthew 4:12-23

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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### BENEFICE TRIP TO IONA

Our delayed benefice trip to Iona in May, lead by Archdeacon David, is approaching fast! There have been some changes over the past two years to those who are coming, and we now find that we have two vacancies. If you or someone you know, might be interested in joining us for what promises to be a fascinating and enjoyable trip, please contact Helen Norris (07789227902) or Debbie McDonnell (07557539834) for further details. Our stay on Iona will be 20-27 May.

# WHAT'S ON

**Every Thursday, 8.45am –11.30am/noon, Stonham Aspal Church: WINTER COFFEE INN.** Keep warm this winter. Plenty of food and drink, excellent company, always someone to chat to. Come for a short time, or stay longer. Under fives bring an adult! Everyone welcome!

**Thursdays 2, 9, 16, 23 February, 6pm, Earl Stonham Village Hall: CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED.** A relaxed seven week course exploring the life of Jesus. Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? What does it mean for us today? Starting with a warm supper. For more details or to book a place please contact [henrystanford@btinternet.com](mailto:henrystanford@btinternet.com) or 01449 711742, or Anne on 07766830977.

**Friday 20 January, Crowfield Village Hall: CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT.** Tables of 6, £3 per participant. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Proceeds to winning team's chosen charity.

**Monday 23 January, 2.30pm, Earl Stonham Parish Room: ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING** Should you be unable to join us, please let me know if you have any prayer requests. Maggie (07939 912080).

**Sunday 29 January, 2pm, Gosbeck Village Hall: LITTER PICK.**

**Sunday 29 January, 4.00pm, Stonham Aspal Church: CHORAL EVENSONG FOR CANDLEMAS.** During this service we look back to the birth of our Lord and forward to the coming days of his passion. Refreshments afterwards.

**Sunday 12 February, 11am-12noon, Hemingstone church: LEARN TO RING CHURCH BELLS.** All welcome.

**Thursday 16 February, 10.00am, meet at Hemingstone Hut: TEN VILLAGE WALKING GROUP.** Contact [suehargadon@outlook.com](mailto:suehargadon@outlook.com) or 01449 711906 for more details.

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