



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.

SUNDAY 29 January – Candlemas (Epiphany 4)

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-5, Hebrews 2. 14-end, Luke 2: 22-40

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

TUESDAY 31 January

9.00am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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NEXT SUNDAY 5 February – 3rd Sunday before Lent (Proper 1)

Readings: Isaiah 58. 1-9a [9b-12], I Corinthians 2. 1-12 [13-end],
Matthew 5. 15-20

9.30am	Zoom	Morning Worship
9.30am	Creeting St Peter	Morning Worship
9.30am	Crowfield	Morning Worship
11.00am	Coddenham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Gosbeck	Morning Worship
4.00pm	Hemingstone	Evening Prayer

Rector: **Revd Philip Payne 01449 711684**
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READINGS 29 January – Candlemas

Malachi 3:1-5

³ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Hebrews 2. 14-18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy

Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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BENEFICE TRIP TO IONA

Our delayed benefice trip to Iona in May, led 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

Saturday and Sunday 28 and 29 January, 12noon - 3pm, 2nd floor, Bede House, Main Road, Hemingstone IP6 9RJ 01449 761707: HEMINGSTONE ARCHIVE. An opportunity to visit the archive 'in situ' and share local knowledge.

Sunday 29 January, 10am, Earl Stonham Church: BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION FOR CANDLEMAS.

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.

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 or 01449 711742, or Anne on 07766830977.

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

Sunday 26 February, 10.30am-12noon, Hemingstone church: LEARN TO CHIME CHURCH BELLS. All welcome.

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