



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 5 March – Lent 2

Readings: Genesis 12. 1-4a, Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17, John 3. 1-17

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

TUESDAY 7 March

9.00am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
4.00pm	Creeting St Mary	Compline

WEDNESDAY 8 March

10.30am	Earl Stonham	Holy Communion
9.00pm	Zoom	Compline

NEXT SUNDAY 12 March – Lent 3

Readings: Exodus 17. 1-7, Romans 5. 1-11, John 4. 5-42

9.30am	Zoom	Morning Worship
9.30am	Hemingstone	Holy Communion
9.30am	Stonham Aspal	Worship for All - Kagera
11.00am	Creeting St Mary	Morning Prayer BCP
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Gosbeck	Evening Prayer
4.00pm	Stonham Aspal	Evening Prayer

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Genesis 12:1-4a

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

4 What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2** He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ **3** Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ **4** Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ **5** Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. **6** What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” **8** The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ **9** Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ **10** Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

11 ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? **13** No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. **14** And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

WHAT'S ON

Friday 3 March, 10am, Earl Stonham Church: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. A service for everyone, led by women across the world. The service this year has been written by the women of Taiwan. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Wednesday 8 March, 9.30am, meet at Debenham outside The River Green Cafe: TEN VILLAGE WALKING GROUP. Contact suehargadon@outlook.com or 01449 711906 for more details.

Thursday 23rd February for 5 weeks, 2 - 4pm, The Rectory, Stonham Aspal: Rev Philip will lead a Lent Group study GOOD NEWS FOR GOD'S WORLD. To register email reader.ruthdennigan@gmail.com or telephone Mary 07901758009. Details of other groups on separate flyer.

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!

Saturday 11 March, 10-12noon, Coddendam Church: COFFEE MORNING. Join us as we celebrate Fair Trade fortnight with cakes and fresh coffee, together with a Fair Trade stall for food and gifts.

Sunday 12 March, 9.30am, Stonham Aspal Church: Worship for All – Kagera. Anji and Chris Dawkins, Diocesan link Co-ordinators between St Edmundsbury and Ipswich and Kagera, in Tanzania, will come to talk to us about life in Kagera and their visits to this poor country. Our Bishops have launched a Lent Challenge to support Kagera and booklets will be available at the service. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Monday 27 March, 2.30pm, Earl Stonham Parish Room: ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP, (postponed from 20 March) Contact Maggie Podd (07939 912080) for more details.

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