



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 1 October – Trinity 17 – Proper 21

Readings: Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-end, Philippians 2. 1-13, Matthew 21. 23-32

9.30am	Online Zoom	Morning Worship
9.30am	Creeting St Peter	Harvest
9.30am	Crowfield	Morning Worship
11.00am	Coddenham	Holy Communion
11.00am	Gosbeck	Morning Worship
6.30pm	Hemingstone	Harvest Praise

TUESDAY 3 October

9.00am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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NEXT SUNDAY 8 October – Trinity 18 – Proper 22

Readings: Isaiah 5. 1-7, Philippians 3. 4b-14, Matthew 21. 33-end

9.30am	Online Zoom	Morning Worship
9.30am	Hemingstone	Holy Communion
9.30am	Stonham Aspal	Harvest for All
11.00am	Creeting St Mary	Harvest
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Gosbeck	Evening Prayer

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READINGS 1 October – Trinity 17 – Proper 21

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

18 The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Philippians 2:1-13

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ ²⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?”’ ²⁶ But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.”’ ²⁹ He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

I will again be acting as a gathering point for anyone who'd like to either complete a box or donate items to add to other boxes. Leaflets with more details are in the back of each church. I will need completed boxes during the first week of November, but if you have any items to add to boxes, I'm very happy to take those earlier. If you have any queries, do let me know. Many thanks, Marianne. marianne.brame@btinternet.com 07845 734578

WHAT'S ON

Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October, 11am-4pm, Hemingstone: HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL. Theme 'An English Country Garden'. Refreshments, Raffle and more in the Hut. **Sunday 6.30pm HARVEST PRAISE** in church with Benefice Band.

Every Monday, 10am-11am, Crowfield Village Hall: COFFEE ON MONDAYS IN CROWFIELD. All welcome from any village. Details from: nicholasjardine40@gmail.com.

Tuesday 3 October, 12noon, Gosbeck Village Hall: SOUP AND SERVICE. More information from Judy on 01449 760375.

Every Thursday, 10am, Stonham Aspal Church: COFFEE INN. All welcome for coffee, tea, biscuits and a chat.

Thursday 5 October, 2 pm, Chapel Farm, Fen Lane, Forward Green IP14 5EF: GOD'S BIG PICTURE.

Saturday 7 October, 10am-midday, Stonham Aspal: CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP. Bring your tools. Coffee and biscuits provided. Details from John 01449 711365.

Sunday 8 October, 9.30am, Stonham Aspal: HARVEST FOR ALL. Everyone welcome. Donations appreciated for Stowmarket Food Bank.

Sunday 8 October, 11am, Creting St Mary: HARVEST FESTIVAL. Donations for Stowmarket Food Bank.

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