



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 17 December – Advent 3

Readings: Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-end, 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24,
John 1. 6-8, 19-28

9.30am	Zoom	Morning Worship with Carols
11.00am	Creeting St Peter	Holy Communion BCP
4.00pm	Coddenham	Carol Service with Ben Choir
4.00pm	Hemingstone	Carol Service with Band
6.30pm	Creeting St Mary	Carol Service with Ben Choir
6.30pm	Gosbeck	Carol Service
6.30pm	Stonham Aspal	Carols round the Tree

TUESDAY 19 December

9.00am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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THURSDAY 21 December,

9.00pm	Zoom	Compline
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NEXT SUNDAY 24 December – Advent 4 Christmas Eve

Readings: Isaiah 52. 7-10, Hebrews 1. 1-4 [5-12], John 1. 1-14

3.30pm	Stonham Aspal	Crib Service
4.00pm	Coddenham	Crib Service
6.30pm	Creeting St Peter	Carol Service
6.30pm	Earl Stonham	Carol Service with Ben Choir
7.00pm	Crowfield	Carol Service
11.30pm	Coddenham	Holy Communion
11.30pm	Stonham Aspal	Holy Communion

Rector: **Revd Philip Payne 01449 711684**
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READINGS - 17 December - Advent 3

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

61 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
8 For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil. ²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹ And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²² Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³ He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶ John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 17 December, 6.30pm, Creeting St Mary, CAROL SERVICE with Benefice Choir. Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

Sunday 17 December, 6.30pm, Stonham Aspal: CAROLS ROUND THE TREE. Readings and Carols with a difference. Seasonal refreshments afterwards.

Mondays, 11am, Crowfield Village Hall: COFFEE IN CROWFIELD. All welcome from any village. Details from: nicholasjardine40@gmail.com.

Monday 18 December, Crowfield: Filling CHRISTMAS MUGS FOR HOMELESS at Potash Farm. More information from Sue, 01449 711906.

Tuesday 19 December, 12noon, Gosbeck Village Hall: SOUP AND SERVICE. More information from Judy on 01449 760375.

Wednesday 20 December, 6pm, Crowfield meet at Village Hall: CAROL SINGING. Refreshments afterwards.

Wednesday 20 December, 6.30pm, meet at Does Field, Stonham Aspal: CAROL SINGING. Refreshments afterwards.

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

Sunday 24 December, 3.30pm, Stonham Aspal: CRIB SERVICE. Bring your teddy dressed as a character from the Nativity; sheep, angel, king, Joseph, Mary, shepherd, etc. Refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 24 December, 4.00pm, Coddendam: CRIB SERVICE.

Sunday 24 December, 6.30pm, Creeting St Peter: CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE.

Sunday 24 December, 7pm, Crowfield: CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.

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