



THE NORTH BOSMERE BENEFICE

Coddenham, Creeting St Mary,
Creeting St Peter, Crowfield,
Earl Stonham with Stonham Parva, Gosbeck,
Hemingstone, Stonham Aspal and Mickfield.



Happy New Year!

To join a Zoom service: email northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com with your screen name at least 2 days before the service.

SUNDAY 31 December – Christmas 1

Readings: Isaiah 61. 10 - 62.3, Galatians 4. 4-7, Luke 2. 15-21

10.00am	Creeting St Mary	Benefice Holy Communion
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TUESDAY 2 January

9.00am	Online Zoom	Morning Prayer
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NEXT SUNDAY 7 January – Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 60. 1 - 6, Ephesians 3. 1-12, Matthew 2. 1-12

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

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READINGS – 31 December – Christmas 1

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

- 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.
- 62** For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- ² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Galatians 4:4-7

- ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2:15-21

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹ After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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WHAT'S ON

Tuesday 2 January, 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.

Sunday 14 January, 9.30am, Stonham Aspal Church: PLOUGHING FOR ALL. Bring your toy tractors, gardening tools etc for the display.

Hymns we love

Did you realise that 'Amazing Grace' was written after a near death experience of a former slave trader?

Or that the words of 'Rock of Ages' were penned on the back of a playing card by a clergyman who sheltered from a storm in a cave in Somerset?

You are warmly invited to join us for ***Hymns we love***, a series of sessions celebrating some of our most loved hymns.

Each time we meet, there'll be an opportunity to enjoy a beautiful rendition of a hymn before a short talk that explores the story behind its author and the meaning behind the words.

You don't need to know anything about music or the Bible to come and you won't have to sing if you don't want to. ***Hymns we Love*** is a relaxed opportunity to enjoy these songs and their stories and discover something new about the Christian message that inspired them.

Hymns we love will run for 5 sessions starting on **Wednesday 3rd, 10th and 17th January** and then **Thursday 1st and 8th February**, all in **Earl Stonham Village Hall**.

There will be a warm supper and refreshments, **starting at 6 pm**. We would love to welcome you to explore these treasured hymns with us.

To book a place contact Anne or Henry Stanford – annestanford@btinternet.com or 07766830977

For your event on here or to receive this by email, contact Liz on 0144 711365 or lizandjohnnince@gmail.com by Tuesday.