



# THE NORTH BOSMERE BENEFICE

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



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## Sunday 25 February – Lent 2

**Readings:** Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16, Romans 4. 13-25, Mark 8. 31-38

9.30am	Hemingstone	Morning Worship
9.30am	Stonham Aspal	Holy Communion
11.00am	Creeting St Mary	Holy Communion
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Morning Worship
4.00pm	Coddenham	Evening Prayer

## TUESDAY 27 February

9.00am	Online Zoom	Morning Prayer
4.00pm	Creeting St Mary	Compline

## FRIDAY 1 March

10.00am	Earl Stonham	World Day of Prayer
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## NEXT SUNDAY 3 March – Lent 3

**Readings:** Exodus 20. 1-17, 1 Corinthians 1. 18-25, John 2. 13-22

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

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# READINGS – 25 February

## Lent 2

### Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

<sup>17</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.’ <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> ‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

<sup>15</sup> God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.’

### Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

## **Mark 8:31-38**

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

# WHAT'S ON

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

## LENT REFLECTIONS

This Lent we will be looking at Jesus' glory with the help of a book 'Our Radiant Redeemer' by Tim Chester.

It consists of 47 daily reflections for personal use through Lent but there will be an afternoon tea or coffee time on the **Thursdays throughout Lent** to read that day's reflection and discuss. The book is focusing on the dazzling transfiguration of Jesus (Mark 9) through which we will not only learn more about the cross and Resurrection but also how Jesus can bring such light to our lives.

Everyone is welcome. Books have been pre-ordered so please just turn up. The meetings will be **29 February, 7, 14, 21, 28 March at Chapel Farm, Fen Lane IP14 5EF at 2pm.**

**Friday 1 March, 10.00am, Earl Stonham Church: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** All Welcome. Details from Mary Payne 07901 758009 or [northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com).

**Tuesday 5 March, Gosbeck Village Hall, SERVICE AND SOUP.** For more information – ask Judy on 01449 760375.

**Saturday 9 March, 10am-12 noon, Creting St Peter: COFFEE MORNING.** More details from Jenny Hitt on [jennylhitt@icloud.com](mailto:jennylhitt@icloud.com) or 07834 620777.

**Monday 11 March, 9.30am, TEN VILLAGE WALKING GROUP.** Details of meeting place etc from [suehaargadon@outlook.com](mailto:suehaargadon@outlook.com) or 07754 611004.

**Monday 18 March, 2.30pm, Earl Stonham Parish Room: ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING** Should you be unable to join us, please let Maggie Podd know if you have any prayer requests (07939 912080).

**Saturday, 23 March, 10-12noon, Coddendam Church: COFFEE MORNING:** Enjoy our special Easter Treasure Hunt, with Fair Trade goods and, back by popular demand, bacon butties - just follow the smell. Join us as we raise money for essential repairs to our lovely church.

**For your event on here or to receive this by email, contact Liz 01449 711365 or [lizandjohnnince@gmail.com](mailto:lizandjohnnince@gmail.com) by Tuesday.**