



THE NORTH BOSMERE BENEFICE
Coddensham, Creeping St Mary,
Creeping St Peter, Crowfield, Earl Stonham
with Stonham Parva, Gosbeck,
Hemingstone, Stonham Aspal and Mickfield.



Happy Christmas!!

NEXT SUNDAY 21 December, Advent 4

Readings: Isaiah 7. 10-16, Romans 1. 1-7, Matthew 1. 18-end

11.00am	Creeping St Peter	Holy Communion BCP
4.00pm	Coddensham	Carol Service with Benefice Choir
4.00pm	Hemingstone	Carol Service
6.30pm	Creeping St Mary	Carol Service with Benefice Choir
6.30pm	Gosbeck	Carol Service
6.30pm	Stonham Aspal	Carols round the Tree

WEDNESDAY 24 December, 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	Coddensham	Crib Service
6.30pm	Creeping St Peter	Carol Service
6.30pm	Earl Stonham	Carol Service with Benefice Choir
7.00pm	Crowfield	Carol Service
11.30pm	Stonham Aspal	Benefice Midnight Holy Communion

THURSDAY 25 December, Christmas Day

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

11.00am	Hemingstone & Gosbeck (joint at Hemingstone)	Morning Worship for Christmas Day
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Holy Communion

SUNDAY 28 December, Christmas 1

Readings: Jeremiah 31. 15-17, 1 Corinthians 1. 26-29, Matthew 2. 13-18

10.00am	Creeping St Mary	Benefice Holy Communion
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If you would like a visit in hospital or at home, or need any other help,
please contact northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com For transport to a
service contact Judy Hailes 01449 760375 judithhailes@btinternet.com

READINGS: 21 December, Advent 4

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Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Romans 1:1-7

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

CHRISTMAS READINGS; Isaiah 52. 7-10, Hebrews 1. 1-4 [5-12], John 1. 1-14

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' ⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1:1-4, [5-12]

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. [⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? ⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' ⁷ Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' ⁸ But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' ¹⁰ And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; ¹² like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.']

John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 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. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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WHAT'S ON

All Christmas Services are listed on the front of this sheet.

Mondays, 10am – 11am, Crowfield Village Hall: COFFEE on MONDAYS. All welcome. Contact nicholasjardine40@gmail.com

Monday 22 December, 6pm, Crowfield Village Hall: CAROL SINGING.
High viz and a torch. In aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

Wednesday 24 December, 6.30pm, Start at Does Field, Stonham Aspal: CAROL SINGING in the village.

Wednesday 24 December, 11.30pm, Stonham Aspal: BENEFICE MIDNIGHT COMMUNION.

No Community Coffee in Stonham Aspal on Christmas Day and New Years Day. See you again on 8 January!!

Sunday 28 December, 10am, Creting St Mary: BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION

Tuesday 13 January for 8 weeks, 6pm, Earl Stonham Village Hall: THE BIBLE COURSE. There is a warm supper with wine beforehand. To book a place contact Anne or Henry Stanford annestanford@btinternet.com or 07766830977

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