

#### 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!!

## **SUNDAY 28 December, Christmas 1**

Readings: Jeremiah 31. 15-17, 1 Corinthians 1. 26-29,

Matthew 2. 13-18

10.00am Creeting St Mary Benefice Holy Communion

## **NEXT SUNDAY 4 January, Epiphany**

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

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

If you would like a visit in hospital or at home, or need any other help, please contact <a href="mailto:northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com">northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com</a> For transport to a service contact Judy Hailes 01449 760375 <a href="mailto:judithhailes@btinternet.com">judithhailes@btinternet.com</a>

### **READINGS: 28 December, Christmas 1**

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#### Jeremiah 31:15-17

Thus says the Lord:
A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.
Thus says the Lord:
Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears;
for there is a reward for your work,
says the Lord:
they shall come back from the land of the enemy;
there is hope for your future,
says the Lord:

your children shall come back to their own country.

#### 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

#### Matthew 2:13-18

<sup>13</sup> Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' <sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

<sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned

from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

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## The Bible Course 2026

The Bible Course is running next year starting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

It explores the big story of the Bible giving a beautiful view of God's purpose for planet earth - stretching back to creation and forward to eternity. Through the course, we will learn how to make sense of the Bible for ourselves and discover where we fit into the story. If you have ever wondered what relevance this best-selling book has today or feel uncertain where to start reading it for yourself, or simply curious to know more, then you are most welcome to join the course! It is a great opportunity to explore the Bible like never before. Why not invite a friend to come with you.

No prior knowledge is required.

The course runs for 8 weeks starting on 13<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm

in Earl Stonham Village Hall.

There is a warm supper with wine beforehand.

To book a place contact either Anne or Henry Stanford <a href="mailto:annestanford@btinternet.com">annestanford@btinternet.com</a> or 07766830977

## WHAT'S ON

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

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

Thursdays, 10am-11.30am, Stonham Aspal Church: COMMUNITY COFFEE. Free Coffee, tea and biscuits for everyone.

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 <a href="mailto:annestanford@btinternet.com">annestanford@btinternet.com</a> or 07766830977

Wednesday, 14 January, Barham Green (meeting place to be confirmed): TEN VILLAGE WALKING GROUP.

If you would like your event on here please let me know in plenty of time.

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