



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



Happy New Year!!

SUNDAY 4 January, Epiphany

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY 11 January, Epiphany 1 Plough Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 42. 1-9, Acts 10. 34-43, Matthew 3. 13-end

10.30am	Stonham Aspal	Ploughing for All
11.00am	Hemingstone	Morning Worship
11.00am	Creting St Mary	Morning Prayer BCP
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Gosbeck	Christingle

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

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Isaiah 60:1-6

60 Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
2 For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
3 Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
4 Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
6 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:1-12

3 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— **2** for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, **3** and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, **4** a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. **5** In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: **6** that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
7 Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. **8** Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, **9** and to make everyone

see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

² In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

WHAT'S ON

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.

The Bible Course 2026

The Bible Course is running next year starting on **Tuesday 13th 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 13th 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
annestanford@btinternet.com or 07766830977

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

For your event on here, or to receive this by email or post,
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