



## THE NORTH BOSMERE BENEFICE



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

### Saturday 14 December

4.00pm Stonham Parva Carols by Candlelight with choir

### SUNDAY 15 December, Advent 3

**Readings:** Zephaniah 3. 14-end, Philippians 4. 4-7, Luke 3. 7-18

9.30am Coddenham Morning Worship  
~~9.30am~~ ~~Crowfield~~ ~~Morning Worship~~ service cancelled  
11.00am Gosbeck Holy Communion

### Tuesday 17 December

7.00pm Earl Stonham Carols on the Green

### Wednesday 18 December

6.30pm Stonham Aspal Carols in the village

### Friday 20 December

9.15am Creeting St Mary School Christingle service  
1.30pm Stonham Aspal School end of term service

### NEXT SUNDAY 22 December, Advent 4

**Readings:** Micah 5. 2-5a, Hebrews 10. 5-10, Luke 1. 39-45

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

If you would like a visit in hospital or at home, or need any other help, please contact a member of the Ministry Team or Churchwardens listed in Ten Village News. For transport to a service contact Judy Hailes 01449 760375 [judithhailes@btinternet.com](mailto:judithhailes@btinternet.com)

# READINGS: 15 December Advent 3

## Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup> Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away your punishment,  
he has turned back your enemy.

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

<sup>16</sup> On that day they will say to Jerusalem,

“Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.

He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

<sup>18</sup> “I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed  
festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you.

<sup>19</sup> At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you.

I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles.

I will give them praise and honour in every land where they have suffered  
shame.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home.

I will give you honour and praise among all the peoples of the earth  
when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the Lord.

## Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your  
gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about  
anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all  
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## Luke 3:7-18

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of  
vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in  
keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have  
Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise  
up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The axe is already at the root of the trees, and  
every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into  
the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

<sup>11</sup> John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one  
who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

<sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

<sup>13</sup> “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

<sup>14</sup> Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

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Hosted by: St Mary’s, Earl Stonham

First session: 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, January, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Time: 6pm Supper – 8pm

Address: Earl Stonham Village Hall. IP14 5HJ

Contact Anne and Henry Stanford [henrystanfor@btinternet.com](mailto:henrystanfor@btinternet.com)

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# WHAT'S ON

**Crowfield** are doing **wrapped and filled mugs** for the Homeless in Ipswich again this year. See Ten Village News for more information or contact Sue: [suehargadon@outlook.com](mailto:suehargadon@outlook.com) or 01449711906, 07754 611004.

**Saturday 14 December, 10.00 - 12 noon, St Mary's church, Coddendam: CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING.** Festive fayre, mulled wine and coffee with homemade cakes. Mega Christmas tombola and sweet treats hamper. Children - join in with our Christmas crafts.

**Saturday 14 December, 4pm, Stonham Parva: CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.**

**Every Monday, 10am-11am, Crowfield Village Hall: COFFEE ON MONDAYS.** More details from [nicholasjardine40@gmail.com](mailto:nicholasjardine40@gmail.com)

**Tuesday 17 December, 12 noon, Gosbeck Village Hall; SOUP AND SERVICE** on the first and third Tuesday in the month. Contact Judy Hailes 01449760375. Just turn up for food and fellowship.

**Tuesday 17 December, 7pm, Earl Stonham Green: CAROL SINGING.**

**Wednesday 18 December, 6.30pm, Start at Does Field Stonham Aspal: CAROL SINGING IN THE STREET.**

**Every Thursday, 10am – 11.30am, Stonham Aspal Church: COFFEE INN.** Drop in for coffee, tea and biscuits. Always someone to chat to.

**Thursdays, 2pm, Chapel Farm, Fen Lane Earl Stonham: THE ROMANS COURSE.** Video and discussion each week.

**Thursday Evenings, 7.30pm – 8.45pm, HOMEGROUP:** Discussions about the Sunday readings. Contact Helen Norris 01449 761867 or Alex Pratt 07484 808527 for more details.

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