



THE NORTH BOSMERE BENEFICE
Coddendam, Creeting St Mary, Creeting St Peter, Crowfield, Earl Stonham with Stonham Parva, Gosbeck, Hemingstone, Stonham Aspall and Mickfield.



Happy New Year



SUNDAY 29 December, Christmas 1

Readings: 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26, Colossians 3. 12-17,
Luke 2. 41-end

10.00am Creeting St Mary Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY 5 January, Epiphany

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

9.30am	Creeting St Peter	Morning Worship
9.30am	Coddendam	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 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

READINGS: 29 December Christmas 1

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus

stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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WHAT'S ON

Ecumenical Prayer Meeting will be on Monday 20th January, at 2.30 in the Parish Room, Earl Stonham. In the intervening period please let me know of any prayer requests so that I can pass them on to the group.

DISCOVER LIFE ACCORDING TO JESUS

Got questions about God, the world and you?

The 321 course invites you to see life the way Jesus does. Over the course of 4 sessions Glen Scrivenor presents Jesus' vision for life through interactive videos that help us better understand God, the world and ourselves.

The course considers God's Three-ness, the world's two-ness and your one-ness. Each session begins with a thoughtful question followed by stunning storytelling and compelling commentary.

Begin 321 here. Engage in thoughtful conversation as part of a small group hosted in a friendly environment. Interact with the videos then share your thoughts and experiences with others.

Interested? Speak to a church leader:

Hosted by: St Mary's, Earl Stonham

First session: 16th, 23rd, January, 6th, 13th February 2025

Time: 6pm Supper – 8pm

Address: Earl Stonham Village Hall. IP14 5HJ

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Bible reading notes

It may be that you have always been meaning to read the Bible on a regular basis. But it hasn't quite happened as you had hoped. It's been an intention but it never quite got off the ground. And then where do you start? How do you know what it means? Many of us, and I include myself, struggle to get into a routine reading a book which, admittedly, can be confusing at times.

This is where Bible notes can be such a help. I am offering to arrange annual subscriptions for those who would like notes delivered to them automatically throughout the year to get yourself going again with the Bible. Bible notes covering 3 months at a time will give you suggestions of what to read each day. It is designed to help you dig into passages from the Bible with comments, questions and a prayer written by trusted Bible teachers. The **annual subscription** can be paid on receipt of the first quarter's booklet. Subsequent copies will automatically follow.

If you would like to receive these booklets then please contact Anne, either on **07766830977** or annestanford@btinternet.com. Orders will be placed by 15th January in order to receive the first quarter of the New Year.

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