



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



## **SUNDAY 16 March, Lent 2**

**Readings:** Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3. 17-4.1, Luke 13. 31-end

9.30am	Coddenham	Morning Worship
9.30am	Crowfield	Morning Worship
11.00am	Creeting St Peter	Holy Communion BCP
11.00am	Gosbeck	Morning Worship

## **Tuesday 18 March**

4pm	Creeting St Mary	Compline
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## **Wednesday 19 March**

6pm	Hemingstone	Compline
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## **NEXT SUNDAY 23 March, Lent 3**

**Readings:** Isaiah 55. 1-9, 1 Corinthians 10. 1-13, Luke 13. 1-9

9.30am	Hemingstone	Morning Worship
10.30am	Stonham Aspall	Holy Communion
11.00am	Creeting St Mary	Morning Worship
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Morning Worship
4.00pm	Coddenham	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](mailto:judithhailes@btinternet.com)

# READINGS: 16 March, Lent 2

## Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' <sup>8</sup> But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' <sup>9</sup> He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

## Philippians 3:17-4:1

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god

is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4 <sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

## **Luke 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup> He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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### **Lent Group 2025- The Place of greatest Glory**

What if the place of greatest shame and weakness was really the place of greatest glory?

This Lent we will be reading the second half of John's Gospel together, chapters 13-19, what is known as the 'book of glory'. John draws us in to the intense 72 hour period covering Jesus' arrest and execution in these chapters. Here we will see an intimate portrait of Jesus as a Saviour who is prepared to love his friends to the end and how His crucifixion was a triumph and not a tragedy.

You are warmly invited to join us throughout Lent as we read John's gospel in our preparation for Easter. We will meet at Chapel Farm IP14 5EF starting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm, continuing until 10<sup>th</sup> April. If you require a lift, do let us know.

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# WHAT'S ON

**Saturday 15 March, 10 to 12 noon, Coddendam Church: CODDENHAM COFFEE MORNING IS BACK!** Join us at St Mary's church for bacon butties, and have a look at the range of products from Fair Trade, Homemade cakes and fresh coffee will also be available.

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

**Tuesday 18 March, 12noon, Gosbeck Village Hall, SOUP AND SERVICE.** More information from Judy on 01449 760375

**Tuesday from 18 March to Easter, 4pm, Creeting St Mary Vestry: COMPLINE.** A short, quiet service of Evening Prayer during Lent.

**Wednesday 19 March to Easter, 6pm, Hemingstone Church: COMPLINE.** A short, quiet service of Evening Prayer during Lent.

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

**Thursday 20 March, 2.00pm, Chapel Farm, Fen Lane, Earl Stonham: LENT COURSE 'THE PLACE OF GREATEST GLORY'.** More information from [henrystanford@btinternet.com](mailto:henrystanford@btinternet.com) or Anne on 07766830977.

**Monday 24 March, 10.30am, St John's Needham Market: A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF COLIN EVERETT** on what would have been his 81st birthday. Everyone welcome.

**Tuesday 1 April, 12noon, Gosbeck Village Hall, SOUP AND SERVICE.** More information from Judy on 01449 760375.

**Saturday 12 April, 10am-midday, Stonham Aspal: CHURCHYARD CLEARUP.** Bring your own tools. Refreshments at half time.

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