

#### THE NORTH BOSMERE BENEFICE

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



# 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 Aspal	Holy Communion
11.00am	Creeting St Mary	Morning Worship
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Morning Worship
4.00pm	Coddenham	Evening Prayer

# **Tuesday 25 March**

4pm Creeting St Mary Compline

# Wednesday 26 March

6pm Hemingstone Compline

# NEXT SUNDAY 30 March, Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday

Readings: 1 Samuel 1. 20-28, Colossians 3. 12-17, John 19. 25b-27

9.30am	Creeting St Peter	Mothering Sunday
9.30am	Crowfield	Mothering Sunday
10.30am	Stonham Aspal	Mothering Sunday for All
11.00am	Coddenham	Mothering Sunday
11.00am	Creeting St Mary	Mothering Sunday
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Mothering Sunday+ Holy Communion
11.00am	Gosbeck	Mothering Sunday with Hemingstone
	Hemingstone	Mothering Sunday joint at Gosbeck

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: 23 March, Lent 3**

## Isaiah 55:1-9

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

10 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the

sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

### Luke 13:1-9

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" <sup>8</sup> He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.""

# WHAT'S ON

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.

Every Monday, 10am-11am, Crowfield Village Hall: COFFEE ON MONDAYS. More details from nicholasjardine40@gmail.com

Tuesday from 25 March to Easter, 4pm, Creeting St Mary Vestry: COMPLINE. A short, quiet service of Evening Prayer during Lent.

Wednesday 26 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 27 March, 2.00pm, Chapel Farm, Fen Lane, Earl Stonham: LENT COURSE 'THE PLACE OF GREATEST GLORY'. More information from <a href="mailto:henrystanford@btinternet.com">henrystanford@btinternet.com</a> or Anne on 07766830977.

Monday 31 March, 2pm, Earl Stonham Parish Room: ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING Should you be unable to join us, please let Maggie Podd know if you have any prayer requests (07939 912080).

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.

Tuesday 15 April, 12noon, Gosbeck Village Hall, SOUP AND SERVICE. More information from Judy on 01449 760375.

Wednesday 16 April, 9.30am, Debenham Leisure Centre, TEN VILLAGE WALKING GROUP. Contact <a href="mailto:suehargadon@outlook.com">suehargadon@outlook.com</a> or 07754 611004 / 01449 711906 for more details.

Wednesday 16 April, 2pm, Creeting St Mary Vestry: ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM). Hear plans for the year ahead.

For your event on here or to receive this by email, or post, contact Liz: 01449 711365 or northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com