



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



## **Saturday 13 December**

4.00pm      Stonham Parva      Carols by candlelight with Choir

## **SUNDAY 14 December, Advent 3**

**Readings:** Isaiah 35. 1-10, James 5. 7-10, Matthew 11. 2-11

10.30am	Stonham Aspal	Carols for All
11.00am	Hemingstone	Holy Communion
11.00am	Creeping St Mary	Toy and Gift Service
11.00am	Earl Stonham	Toy and Gift Service
5.00pm	Creeping St Peter	Christmas Lights with Toys & Gifts

## **Thursday 18 December**

9.00am	Creeping St Mary	School Christingle
7.00pm	Earl Stonham	Carols on the Green

## **Friday 19 December**

2.00pm	Stonham Aspal	School Christmas Service
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## **NEXT SUNDAY 21 December, Advent 4**

**Readings:** Isaiah 7. 10-16, Romans 1. 1-7, Matthew 1. 18-end

11.00am	Creeping St Peter	Holy Communion BCP
4.00pm	Coddensham	Carol Service with Benefice Choir
4.00pm	Hemingstone	Carol Service
6.30pm	Creeping St Mary	Carol Service with Benefice 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 [northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:northbosmerebenefice@gmail.com) For transport to a  
service contact Judy Hailes 01449 760375 [judithhailes@btinternet.com](mailto:judithhailes@btinternet.com)

# READINGS: 14 December, Advent 3

Isaiah 35. 1-10, James 5. 7-10, Matthew 11. 2-11

## Isaiah 35

**35** The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## **James 5:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## **Matthew 11:2-11**

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

# WHAT'S ON

**Presents for the Homeless** – See notice in Ten Village News – Mugs and items to fill mugs, or cash, before Tuesday 16 December to Potash Farm, Church Road, **Crowfield**. [suehargadon@outlook.com](mailto:suehargadon@outlook.com) for more details.

**Saturday 13 December, 10.00am - 12 noon, Coddtenham Church: CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING** Join us for festive fayre, a Christmas Raffle and a Guess the Weight of ..... We look forward to welcoming you!

**Saturday 13 December, 10.00am - 12noon, Creting St Peter Church Hall: COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 13 December, 4.00pm, Stonham Parva: CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT with BENEFICE CHOIR.** Due to the lack of electricity, this really is by candlelight. Wrap up warm and bring a torch!

**Sunday 14 December, 10.30am, Stonham Aspal: CAROLS FOR ALL.** Collection for Selig Suffolk to help the homeless.

**Sunday 14 December, 11am, Creting St Mary: TOY AND GIFT SERVICE.** Please leave gifts unwrapped.

**Sunday 14 December, 5.00pm, Creting St Peter: TOY AND GIFT SERVICE.**

**Mondays, 10am – 11am, Crowfield Village Hall: COFFEE on MONDAYS.** All welcome. Contact [nicholasjardine40@gmail.com](mailto:nicholasjardine40@gmail.com)

**Tuesday 16 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.

**Wednesday 17 December, 6.30pm, Meet at Coddtenham shop: CODDENHAM CAROL SINGING.** Wear high viz and bring a torch.

**Wednesday 17 December, 6.30pm, Does Field Stonham Aspal: CAROL SINGING.** Torch and high viz needed. Collecting for Church Funds.

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

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