

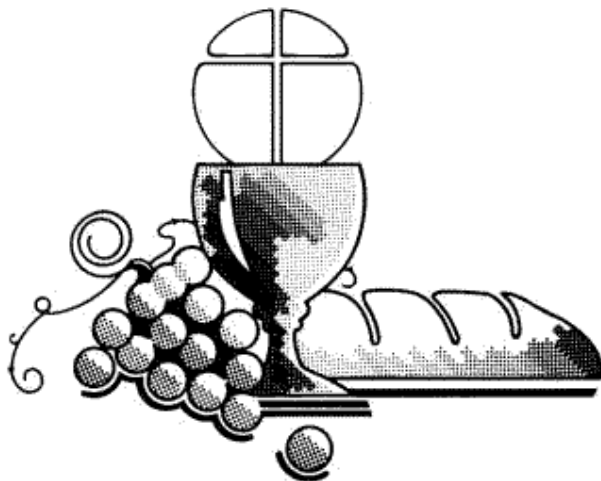
The United Benefice of Cogenhoe and Great Houghton
and Little Houghton with Brafield on the Green

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Sunday 17 June 2018
The Third Sunday after Trinity



COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father, give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we an all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend, show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Diary of Events this week

Daily Reading

Monday 18 June	Jud 8.22-end
6.45 p.m. Choir Practice	
7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Cogenhoe	
Tuesday 19 June	Jud 9.1-21
Wednesday 20 June	Jud 9.22-end
7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Brafield	
Thursday 21 June	Jud 11.1-11
8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist, Cogenhoe	
12 noon Middy Prayers & Lunch, Little Houghton	
Friday 22 June	Jud 11.29-end
Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c.250	
Saturday 23 June	Jud 12.1-7
Ethelreda, Abbess, c.678	
Sunday 24 June	Job 38.1-11
The Fourth Sunday after Trinity	2 Cor 6.1-13
8.00 a.m. Prayer Book Communion, Brafield	Mark 4.35-41
9.30 a.m. Family Service, Cogenhoe	
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Great Houghton	
6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong, Little Houghton	

Wise people are not always silent, but they know when to be



Please hold in your prayers the late **Ann Savage** of Cogenhoe and her family. Grant her rest eternal, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. May she rest in peace. **Amen.**

Please pray for all who have died in the faith of Christ and whose anniversaries fall at this time.

If you would like anything on the news sheet, please let Joy Hodge know by Thursday evening.

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Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies or minds. Especially Peter Roberts, Tony Newton, Ron Corin, Doreen Gibson, Ann Cadd, James Clegg, Eileen Pancoust, Richard Cooke



Soothe their pain and ease their worry.
Give them your peace and comfort. **Amen.**

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THE GOSPEL - Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Always pray to have —

Eyes that see the best in people,
a Heart that forgives the worst,
a Mind that forgets the worst
and a Soul that never loses faith in God.

FIRST READING - Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

SECOND READING - 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!