

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

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Sunday
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The
Fourth Sunday
before Lent

COLLECT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations, 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

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Diary of Events this week

Monday 11 February

7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Cogenhoe

Tuesday 12 February

7.30 p.m. Ladies Fellowship, St Peter's Centre, Cogenhoe

Wednesday 13 February

7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Brafield

Thursday 14 February

Valentine, Martyr of Rome, c.269

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist, Cogenhoe

Friday 15 February

Saturday 16 February

Sunday 17 February

The Third Sunday before Lent

8.00 a.m. Said Communion, Cogenhoe

9.30 a.m. Family Service, Brafield

11.00 a.m. Family Communion, Little Houghton

4.00 p.m. Family Church @ 4, Cogenhoe

6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong, Little Houghton

Daily Reading

1 Chron 28.1-10

1 Chron 28.11-end

1 Chron 29.1-9

1 Chron 29.10-20

1 Chron 29.21-end

2 Chron 1.1-13

Jer 17.5-10

1 Cor 15.12-20

Luke 6.17-26

Important Notice for the Church Electoral Rolls

This year we are required to draw up a new Electoral Roll rather than revise the old one.

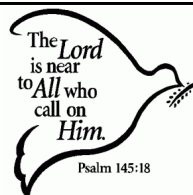
If you would like to be on the Roll you will need to fill in an application form. If you take no action you will not be on the new electoral roll and will have no say in how your church is run.

Forms are available in each church and can be downloaded from the church website at

<http://www.theunitedbenefice.org.uk/electoral.html>

Completed forms can be left in your church or returned to your Electoral Roll Officer

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies or minds. Especially Doreen Gibson, Ann Cadd, Sue Deacon, Christine Craven, Phil Scarboro,



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

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

THE GOSPEL - Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Lent Course

Lent is approaching fast so please take the opportunity to join a Lent Study group. Two options will be available to join as a Benefice to explore our faith together by watching Casablanca over the course of five weeks. The film deals with the themes of love, loss, faith and sacrifice, all of which can help us reflect on the message of the Gospel. The options available are Wednesday afternoon 2 - 4pm St Peters Church Rooms, Cogenhoe, and Thursday evening 7pm - 9pm St Mary's Church, Little Houghton, beginning on 13th and 14th March. Please sign up and indicate your preference on the sheet at the back of church.

Please speak to me if you have any queries. Reverend Irene

FIRST READING - Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

REAL EASTER EGGS

I plan to order 'Real Easter Eggs' from the Meaningful Chocolate Company during the first week of March.

- Fair trade chocolate
- plastic free packaging
- tell the Easter story
- profits support charity

Original Milk chocolate egg (150g) with story/activity book £3.99

or Dark Chocolate egg (180g) with Easter guide and Easter sharing book £5.50

Please let me know how many eggs you would like by the end of February.
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The Bishops Bible Day is on the theme of 'The Bible and Mission'

9.30am-4pm

Saturday 9th March at Peterborough Cathedral or

Saturday 16th March at Northampton High School

Booking is free but donations are welcome. (it costs the diocese approx. £5 per person). Please book by Friday a week before the event: 01604 887049 or email: bookings@peterborough-diocese.org.uk