

## FIRST READING - Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

## SECOND READING - Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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**Sunday 15 July 2018**



**The Seventh  
Sunday after Trinity**

## COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same, 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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live, may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion, that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love, for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Diary of Events this week**

**Monday** 16 July

**Osmund, Bishop, 1099**

6.30 p.m. Choir Practice

7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Cogenhoe

**Tuesday** 17 July

10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning, Cogenhoe Primary School

**Wednesday** 18 July

7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Brafield

**Thursday** 19 July

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist, Cogenhoe

12 noon Midday Prayers and Lunch, Little Houghton

**Friday** 20 July

**Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th cent**

**Saturday** 21 July

**Sunday** 22 July

**The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 a.m. Prayer Book Communion, Brafield

9.30 a.m. Family Service, Cogenhoe

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Great Houghton

6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong, Little Houghton

“If you can’t fly, then run, If you can’t run, then walk, If you can’t walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

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

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**Daily Reading**

1 Sam 10.1-16

1 Sam 10.17-end

1 Sam 11

1 Sam 12

1 Sam 13.5 –18

1 Sam 13.19-14.15

Jer 23.1-6

Eph 2.11-22

Mk 6.30-34, 43-56

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



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 - Mark 6:14-29**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.