

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

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Sunday 15 March 2020 ***The Third Sunday of Lent***

Welcome to everyone, young or old, regular member or first-time visitor. Welcome to our worship.

The situation with Covid-19 (Coronavirus) and the advice being given is changing rapidly. The risk to us at this time remains low but in order to keep our churches and individual worshippers as safe as possible we are following some important hygiene advice issued by our Diocese.

In particular, the following temporary precautions are now in place:

At the peace, please refrain from moving around and shaking hands, kissing, etc. Please stand if you are able but remain in your place and exchange smiles and words of peace with those around you.

At the offertory hymn, a plate will not be passed from person to person. If you missed putting your offering into the collection on the way into church, you may do so as you leave.

At Holy Communion, please do not kneel at the communion rail but remain standing. Communion will be distributed in one kind, the consecrated bread only. The doctrine of the Church of England is that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine individually and that the full benefit of the sacrament is received when only bread is shared.

Diary of Events this week

Monday 16 March

7.30 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Cogenhoe

If you are interested in becoming a Bell Ringer, please contact Dorothy on 890638

Tuesday 17 March

Postponed Coffee & Craft, Cogenhoe School

Wednesday 18 March

3.15 p.m. Lent Course, St Laurence's Church, Brafield

7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Brafield

If you are interested in becoming a Bell Ringer, please contact Ray on 890748.

Thursday 19 March

10.00 a.m. Said Eucharist, Cogenhoe

12 noon Midday Prayers and Lunch, Little Houghton Church

7.15 p.m. Lent Course, St Peter's Church, Cogenhoe

Friday 20 March

Saturday 21 March

Sunday 22 March

MOTHERING SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

8.00 a.m. Prayer Book Communion, Brafield

9.30 a.m. Family Worship, Cogenhoe

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Great Houghton

6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong, Little Houghton

Ps 34.11-20

Col 3.12-17

Luke 2.41-52



LITTLE HOUGHTON CHURCH **Afternoon Tea**

Sunday 22nd March

2.30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!

Today's readings:

Exodus 17:1-7 Water from the rock

Moses is leading the Israelites through the desert but they have no water and complain to Moses that he has led them out of Egypt to die of thirst.

God tells Moses to stand before the people and bring water from the rock at Horeb by striking the rock with his staff.

Romans 5:1-11 Peace and Hope in Christ

Because we are ungodly and fail to live lives pleasing to God we set ourselves against him, But we have peace with God through faith in the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The heart of the Gospel message (verse 8) is that "while we were still, sinners, Christ died for us"

John 4:5-42 The Samaritan woman at the well

Jesus breaks down the usual conventions and barriers that should have stopped him from engaging in conversation with a Samaritan woman drawing water from a well He tells her that what he has to offer is life-giving living water, that if she drinks of it she will never be thirsty again, The different place and way that Jews and Samaritans worship God is not important, what is important is that they worship in Spirit and in truth.

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

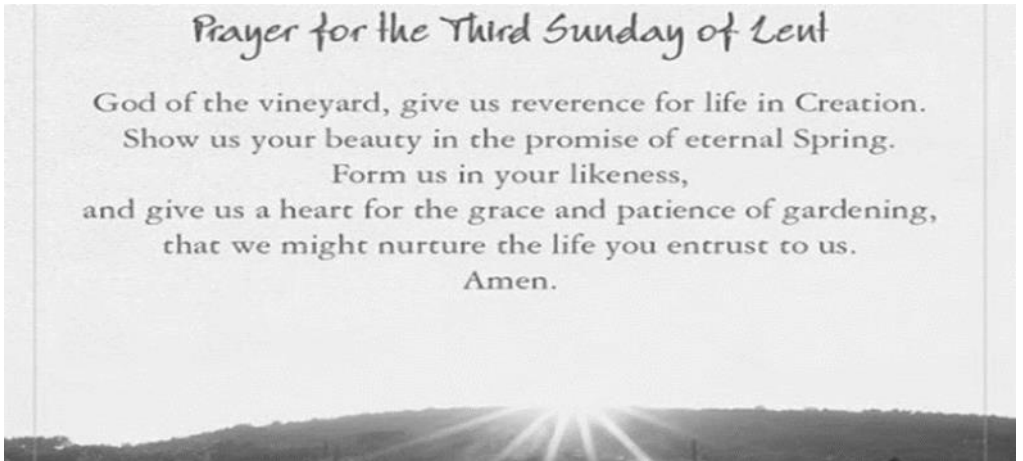
God of the vineyard, give us reverence for life in Creation.

Show us your beauty in the promise of eternal Spring.

Form us in your likeness,

and give us a heart for the grace and patience of gardening,
that we might nurture the life you entrust to us.

Amen.



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



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



Please hold in your prayers the late **Sandra Wilson (nee Perrett)** 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.

The funeral of Sandra Wilson will take place on Monday 16 March at 2.30 p.m. at St Peter's, Cogenhoe

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified, mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace, 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

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.