

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

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The Fourteenth
Sunday after
Trinity

With
God
all
things are
possible
Matthew 17:26



THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence, give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, 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, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Diary of Events this week

Daily Reading

Monday 18 September 6.45 p.m. Choir Practice, 7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Cogenhoe	Wisd ch 1
Tuesday 19 September 10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning, 109 Station Road, Cogenhoe	Wisd ch 2
Wednesday 20 September 7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Brafield	Wisd 3.1-9
Thursday 21 September Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 11.15 a.m. Said Eucharist, Cogenhoe 12 noon Midday Prayers & Lunch, Little Houghton Church	1 Kgs 19.15-end
Friday 22 September	Wisd 5.1-16
Saturday 23 September	Wisd 5.17-6.11
Sunday 24 September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity 8.00 a.m. Prayer Book Communion, Brafield 9.30 a.m. Harvest Festival, Cogenhoe 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Great Houghton 6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong, Little Houghton	Jonah 3.10-4.11 Phil 1,.21-30 Matt 20.1-16

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.

Dr. Seuss

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, John Tilley, Tony Loader, Tony Newton

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 - Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

FIRST READING -Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

SECOND READING - Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.