

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

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**Sunday**  
**21 May 2017**

**The Sixth**  
**Sunday of Easter**

love  
each other  
as I have  
loved you.  
John 15:12

#### **THE COLLECT**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son, grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy, 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**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **Diary of Events this week**

## **Daily Reading**

**Monday** 22 May

Deut ch 26

6.45 p.m. Choir Practice,

7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Cogenhoe

**Tuesday** 23 May

Deut 28.1-14

**Wednesday** 24 May

Deut 28.2.58-end

**John & Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788**

7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Brafield

**Thursday** 25 May

Isa 52.7-end

**Ascension Day**

7.00 p.m. Said Eucharist, Cogenhoe

**Friday** 26 May

Deut 29.2-15

**Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605**

**Saturday** 27 May

Deut ch 30

**The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735**

**Sunday** 28 May

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Acts 1.6-14

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter`**

1 Pet 5.1-11

John 17.1-11

10.00 a.m. Benefice Service, Great Houghton

2.30 p.m. Cream Teas, Little Houghton Church

6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong, Little Houghton

Life is a journey that no one makes alone. The more people you touch along the way, the more meaningful and rewarding your time.

*Anon*

### **Please note:**

There will be no 11.15 a.m. service on Ascension Day, 25th May, but the service will be held at **7 p.m.** at St Peter's

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies or minds. Especially Danny Brown, Peter Roberts, Steven Hollowell, John Tilley and Rosie.



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 - John 14:15-21**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

### **What God is like**

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, 'Boys and girls, what do we know about God?'

A hand went up. 'He is an artist!' said a little boy. Startled, the teacher asked him why he thought that.

'You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven...

**FIRST READING - Acts 17:22-31**

**SECOND READING -1 Peter 3:13-22**



I believe most people in the benefice know that Eddie wrote to everyone about home groups before Lent and as a result of the responses to his letter a home group for bible-study, discussion and prayer met

during and just after Lent. This is something that we would like to encourage year round across the benefice. I know that several people said that they would be interested to join a home group, but have not returned the response slip saying when they are free to meet (Monday to Saturday morning, afternoon or evening); whether they would be prepared to host or lead groups; or need/offer lifts. We do need these answers in order to match people into groups. If I can get answers to these questions from those that are interested we may well be able to accommodate two or maybe three groups to meet across the benefice allowing more flexibility of time and meeting place.

Please either speak to me or return the answers to me as soon as you can. I can let you have a copy of Eddie's original letter if you missed it or mislaid it. I hope the home groups will restart in June. The Bible studies we plan to use initially will be from Scripture Union's 'Essential100'. These are all stand-alone, so no need to worry about joining 'mid-course'. Hopefully it will mean we can all grow in our relationships with God and with each other through his Word.

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**ST MARY'S CHURCH LITTLE HOUGHTON  
OPEN FOR CREAM TEAS  
NEXT SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2.30 - 5PM**