

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

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Sunday 16 July 2017
The Fifth Sunday after Trinity



THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for every.

Amen

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Diary of Events this week

Monday 17 July

6.45 p.m. Choir Practice,
7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Cogenhoe

Tuesday 18 July

Wednesday 19 July

Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa c.394

7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Brafield

Thursday 20 July

Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century

12 noon Lunch and Mid-day prayers, Little Houghton

Friday 21 July

Saturday 22 July

Mary Magdalene

Sunday 23 July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Prayer Book Communion, Brafield

9.30 a.m. Family Worship, Cogenhoe

11.00 a.m. Family Communion, Great Houghton

6.00 p.m. Sung Evensong, Little Houghton

Daily Reading

Ezek 1.1-14

Ezek 1.15—2.2

Ezek 2.3—3.11

Ezek 3.12-end

Ezek ch 8

1 Sam 16.14-end

Isa 44.6-8

Rom 8.12-25

Matt 13.24-30, 36-43

Please note that because of family holidays there will be no 9:30 family services on Sunday mornings for the month of August. All other services will follow their usual pattern.



Please hold in your prayers the late **Robert Jones** and **Marlene Mcleave**, both of Cogenhoe, and their families

Grant them rest eternal, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace **Amen**.

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

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies or minds. Especially Dany Brown, Peter Roberts, John Tilley, Rosie, Tony Loader, Tony Newton

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



THE GOSPEL - Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The funeral of Marlene Mcleave will be held next week.

The funeral of Robert Jones was held last week.

FIRST READING - Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

SECOND READING - Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.