

Diary of Events this week

Monday 20 November

Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870

6.45 p.m. Choir Practice

7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Cogenhoe

Tuesday 21 November

Wednesday 22 November

7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing Practice, Brafield

Thursday 23 November

Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100

11.15 a.m. Said Eucharist, Cogenhoe

12 noon Midday prayers and lunch, Little Houghton

Friday 24 November

Saturday 25 November

Sunday 26 November

Christ the King

The Sunday next before Advent

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

Daily Reading

Isa 9.8—10.4

Isa 10.5-19

Isa 10.20-32

Isa 10.33-11.9

Isa 11.10-12.end

Isa 13.1-13

Ezek 34.11-24

Eph 1.15-23

Mt 25.31-46

Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about him for whom we are waiting.

Henri Nouwen

**SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER
LITTLE HOUGHTON CHURCH**

Open for Afternoon Tea
2.30 p.m - 5 p.m.

There may just be a little hint of Christmas !!



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, and Edyth Block,

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 25.14-30

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

FIRST READING – Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.