

**All Saints' Churches, Cottenham and
Rampton**

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and
come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your
presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your
adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your
presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did
not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at
your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy
cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us
away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our
iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has been
given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way
you have been enriched in him, in speech
and knowledge of every kind— just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened
among you— so that you are not lacking in
any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing
of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also
strengthen you to the end, so that you may
be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called
into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Mark 13:24-29

The Coming of the Son of Man

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be
shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man
coming in clouds” with great power and
glory. Then he will send out the angels, and
gather his elect from the four winds, from the
ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as
its branch becomes tender and puts forth its
leaves, you know that summer is near. So
also, when you see these things taking place,
you know that he is near, at the very
gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not
pass away until all these things have taken
place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but
my words will not pass away.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’