



THE PARISHES OF
St OSWALD'S HOOE
and
St. MARY'S NINFIELD

WEEKLY SHEET ~ 9th December 2018

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A warm welcome to everyone, especially any visitors.

If you are new to our Churches please introduce yourselves to the sides people on duty. If you need help in any way during your time in church please talk to one of the sides people.

Please note that both churches are installed with hearing loops to help those who wear a hearing aid with the T setting.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

St. Mary's

Wednesday 10am ~ Holy Communion

Sunday 9.30am ~ Family Eucharist

St Oswald's

Sunday 11am ~ Parish Eucharist

Advent & Christmas Services

Monday 10th ~ Ninfield School: Learning about water in Church 1.20pm

Monday 17th ~ Ninfield School rehearse in St Mary's for their show at 2pm

Wednesday 19th December ~ St Oswald's Carol Service 7.30pm

Sunday 23rd December

St Mary's Carols and Christingle 3.00pm

Christmas Eve ~ St Oswald's Christmas Eucharist 6pm

Christmas Day

St Mary's ~ Parish Eucharist 9.30am

St Oswald's ~ Parish Eucharist 11am

TODAY'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Second Reading Philippians 1.3-11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Reading Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”’



Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

(Psalm 80:19)

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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Pray daily for peace and all those who suffer from illness especially

Peter Green, Donna Morris, Aubrey Yull, Donald Cornford,
Amy Ballard, Mary Collings, Val Masterman, Nicki Rist and
Martin Wood.

This week we pray for residents of The Green, Ninfield,
Horsewalk, Hooe and the Working Men's Club.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for St Mark's Church
& Rev Jonathan Frais.

St Mary's and St Oswald's Opening Times:

Where possible St Mary's will be open from:

9am – 3pm Monday - Thursday,

Wednesday 10 a.m. - Only when there is a Holy Communion Service. St Mary's is closed on Fridays, Saturdays & after the Sunday service.

St Oswald's is open from 9am to 5pm every day.

Prayer by Nick Fawcett

Lord Jesus Christ,
prepare your way in our hearts
and make us ready to worship you.
Through our praying, thinking,
singing and reading cleanse our
thoughts, kindle our faith, renew our
commitment and increase our love,
preparing your way in our lives,
so that we might be ready to love you
faithfully and serve you more
effectively, to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Any items for the

Weekly Sheet

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By Wednesday 6pm please.

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Eastbourne DGH.