



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 16th December 2018  
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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

*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:***

**Monday** 2.00pm ~ Ninfield School are rehearsing in St Mary's for their Christmas service at 2.00pm  
7.00pm ~ Ninfield Scouts Carol Service

**Wednesday** 10am ~ Holy Communion

**Sunday** 9.30am ~ Parish Eucharist  
3.30pm ~ Carols and Christingle, with mulled wine & mince pies

***St Oswald's:***

**Wednesday** 7.30pm ~ Carol Service, with Hooe Village Band

**Sunday** 11am ~ Parish Eucharist

**What's On:**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ Ninfield Local History Group 10am-12noon,  
Ninfield Pavilion.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ Jo's Jmmas

**Christmas Eve** ~

Methodist Church Candlelight Crib Service 4-4.45pm

St Oswald's Christmas Eucharist 6pm

**Christmas Day** ~

St Mary's ~ Parish Eucharist 9.30am

St Oswald's ~ Parish Eucharist 11am

**Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading** Zephaniah 3.14–end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.



## **Second Reading** Philippians 4.4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel Reading** Luke 3.7–18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’ And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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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 High Street, Ninfield,  
Hooe Road, Hooe and The Church Wardens.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for  
Crowhurst Healing Centre and Steve Gendall.

**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 of a New Guinea**

**Christian**

At Advent we should try the key to our heart's door. It may have gathered rust. If so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart's door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Christmas time! Lord, oil the hinges of our hearts' doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming. **Amen.**

**Any items for the**

**Weekly Sheet**

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**By Wednesday 6pm please.**

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Eastbourne DGH.**