



THE PARISHES OF
St OSWALD'S HOOE
and
St. MARY'S NINFIELD
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 23rd December 2018



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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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:

Today 3.30pm Carols and Christingle, with mulled wine & mince pies

Christmas Day 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 30th December No Service

St Oswald's:

Christmas Eve 6pm Christmas Eucharist

Christmas Day 11am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 30th December 11am Joint Parish Eucharist



For a child has been born for us, a son given to us. (Isaiah 9:6a)

TODAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Micah 5.2-5a*

The LORD says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Second Reading *Hebrews 10.5-10*

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book, it is written of me).' When Christ said, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by

God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Reading *Luke 1.39-45(46-55)*

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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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,
Martin Wood and Angela Ringrose.

This week we pray for residents of Hooe Road, Ninfield,
Kiln Lane, Hooe and the Sacristans and the Servers.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for St Michael's
and Rev Robert Featherstone.

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.

Poem by Elizabeth Rooney

God was looking for a carpenter.
He wanted a skilled craftsman
to make him a cross.
The wood must be hard and wide,
straight cut with the joints perfectly
squared and planed as smooth
as a yoke.
Finally, he needed a handful of nails
and then, God hung the perfect gift
upon the perfect tree –
Love, present with us through
eternity.

**Any items for the
Weekly Sheet
to Sally Bobin
sallypod@hotmail.co.uk
and Sally Parry
sparrygb@gmail.com
By Wednesday 6pm please.
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Please put any used stamps
in the box at the back of
St Mary's. Collecting for
Eastbourne DGH.