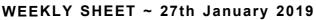


THE PARISHES OF St OSWALD'S HOOE

and

St. MARY'S NINFIELD





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A warm welcome to everyone, especially any visitors and to Rev John Hawkins taking the service today.

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

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

St. Mary's

Wednesday ~ No Service

Sunday 9.30am ~ Parish Eucharist

St Oswald's

Sunday 11am ~ Family Service

What's On

Monday 28th ~ Senlac Bells ~ 7.45 - 9pm ~ Dewbys Barn

Wednesday 30th ~ Messy Church ~ 3.30-5pm Methodist Church Hall

Thursday 31st ~ Ninfield Parish Council meeting 7.15pm ~ Methodist Church Hall

Tuesday 5th March ~ Pancake Lunch ~ Hooe Village Hall

URGENT REQUEST

Sacristans are needed for St Mary's. If you would like to help and need to know what is involved please talk to Catriona after church or phone 225421

TODAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Nehemiah 8.1–3, 5–6, 8–10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Second Reading Corinthians 12.12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one

member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Gospel Reading Luke 4.14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Pray daily for peace and all those who suffer from illness especially Peter Green, Donna Morris, Amy Ballard, Mary Collings, and Martin Wood.

R.I.P. Donald Cornford, Aubrey Yull, Angela Ringrose and David Histed, whose funeral is on Friday 1st February at 1pm

This week we pray for residents of Meadow View, Ninfield, Sawpits, Hooe and Ninfield Parish Council.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for St Peter's Church, Rev David Reynish and Rev Olivia Werrett

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

Where possible St Mary's will be open from:

9am – 3pm Monday - Thursday, on Wednesdays 10 am 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
Sovereign God, without your light
in our lives we walk in darkness,
denied the joy, peace, hope,
strength and guidance that you
alone can give. So we ask, through
this time of worship, that the light
of Christ might break yet more
fully into our hearts and shine
more brightly through our lives,
to your glory.

Amen.

Any items for the Weekly Sheet

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By Wednesday 6pm please.

Please put any used stamps in the box at the back of St Mary's. Collecting for Eastbourne DGH.