



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET ~ 1st December 2019**  
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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 ~ No Service**

**St Oswald's**

**Sunday 11am ~ Joint Parish Eucharist**

### **What's On**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December ~ 3.15pm ~ St Mary's Church  
Lights of Love Service ~ St Michael's Hospice**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Ninfield Parish Council ~ 7.15pm  
Methodist Hall**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Ninfield Book Exchange ~ 10-12noon  
Methodist Hall**

**Ninfield Flower Group ~ 'The Magic of Christmas'  
7.30pm ~ Memorial Hall**

## TODAY'S READINGS

## The First Sunday of Advent

### Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### First Reading *Isaiah 2.1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

### Second Reading *Romans 13.11-14*

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in

revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### **Gospel Reading *Matthew 24.36-44***

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ‘About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’



*They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks.  
(Isaiah 2:4b)*

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**PRAYERS & INTENTIONS**

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

Peter Green, Donna Morris, Isaiah Benjamin.

This week we pray for residents of Stocks Meadow, Ninfield,

Top Road, Hooe and the Christian Womens' Fellowship.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for Christchurch

Methodists, and Tricia Williams.

**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 Peter Dainty**

Eternal Father, we thank you for this Advent, season of hope and expectation. We thank you that, even in these dark days of approaching winter, we can celebrate the coming of the light. O Lord of light and truth:

**Shine in our darkness.**

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**Any items for the Weekly Sheet**

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**St Mary's. Collecting for Eastbourne DGH.**