



THE PARISHES OF
St OSWALD'S HOOE
and
St. MARY'S NINFIELD
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 15th 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 ~ Parish Communion

St Oswald's

Sunday 11am ~ Parish Communion

N.B. In 2020 all Joint Services will be held at 10.30am.

What's On

Sunday 15th Carol Singing around Ninfield ~ 5.30pm
meet at the Village Shop or Marlpits/Manchester Road
Junction ~ 7pm Big Sing outside the Blacksmiths Pub.

Wednesday 18th ~ St Oswald's Carol Service ~ 7.30pm

Saturday 21st ~ Ninfield Village Christmas Market
Memorial Hall 9.30am - 1pm

Sunday 22nd ~ St Mary's Christingle and Carol Service
3.30pm

TODAY'S READINGS

The Third Sunday of Advent

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 Isaiah 35.1–10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with

singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Second Reading James 5.7–10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 11.2–11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

Peter Green, Donna Morris, Isaiah Benjamin.

RIP Pat Baker whose funeral is at 10am

on Monday 6th January at St Oswald's.

This week we pray for residents of Whydown Road, Ninfield,

Broad street Green, Hooe and the Village Society.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for the Living Word
Church and Dale Barrett.

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.

**Any items for the Weekly
Sheet**

to Nicki Murphy
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Wednesday 6pm please.

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

Prayer

Mighty God and Saviour,
we pray for your Church
throughout the world,
that it may witness to you not
only in word but also in deed.
May the Church reflect your
love for the world and show
your acceptance and
forgiveness for all peoples.

Amen