



THE PARISHES OF
St OSWALD'S HOOE

and

St. MARY'S NINFIELD

WEEKLY SHEET ~ 22nd December 2019

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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

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

St. Mary's:

Sunday 9.30am ~ Joint Parish Eucharist

St Oswald's:

No Service

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

Services for Christmas Week

Today ~ 3.30pm Christingle and Carols at St Mary's

Christmas Eve ~ 6.00pm Joint Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's

Christmas Day ~ 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
11.00am Parish Communion at St Oswald's

TODAY'S READINGS 4th 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.

First Reading - Isaiah 7.10–16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Second Reading - Romans 1.1–7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel - Matthew 1.18–end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. (Matthew 1:20)

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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

Peter Green, Donna Morris, Isaiah Benjamin, Jim Hoad..

RIP Pat Baker

Funeral 10am Monday 6th January at St Oswald's

RIP Susan Philbeam

Funeral 11.15am Wednesday 8th January at St.Mary's

This week we pray for the residents of Crouch Lane, Ninfield, Denbigh Road, Hooe and the Playgroup, Toddlers Club and Muddy Boots. In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for St. Mark's Church, and Jonathan Frais.

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. The church is closed on Fridays, Saturdays & after the Sunday Service.

St Oswald's is open from 9am to 5pm every day.

Prayer by David Adam

Lord, ever with us, help your Church to proclaim your presence and your saving power. May we seem to do your will and help to bring in your kingdom. As we give thanks for Joseph, we give thanks for all men and women of vision and all who have dedicated their lives in your service. We ask your blessing upon all preachers and ministers of the sacraments. Guide all who serve you quietly in their daily lives. We remember especially all who struggle to serve you while surrounded by difficult circumstances and opposition. God, come among us: make your home with us. Amen.

Any items for the Weekly Sheet

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By Wednesday 6pm please.

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