



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 29th 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 Eucharist

#### **St Oswald's**

**Sunday 11am** ~ Family Service ~ Alison Marchant

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

### **What's On in 2020**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** ~ Ninfield Book Exchange

10-12 Methodist Hall

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** ~ Ninfield Flower Group AGM

7.30pm ~ Memorial Hall

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January** ~ Hooe Open Group ~ 2.30pm

The Village Hall

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January** ~ Hooe Coffee Morning and Book Exchange ~ 10-12 ~ The Village Hall

## TODAY'S READINGS

## First Sunday of Christmas

### Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### First Reading Isaiah 63.7–9

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

### Second Reading Hebrews 2.10–end

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood,

he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **Gospel Reading Matthew 2.13–end**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He will be called a Nazorean.’

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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 St Oswald's, Hooe**

**on Monday 6th January 10am.**

**RIP Susan Pilbeam whose funeral is at St Mary's, Ninfield**

**on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 11.15am.**

**RIP Joan Fitzgerald, whose funeral is to be held at Hooe.**

This week we pray for residents of Bexhill Road, Ninfield, Green Lane, Hooe and Explorers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for Bexhill Foodbank and the Battle and Rye branches.

**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**

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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**

Loving God, remind us that in taking flesh and being born as a baby, you identified yourself fully with humankind, not imposing yourself upon us but drawing alongside, inviting a response. Remind us that you made yourself vulnerable, exposing yourself to persecution and rejection from the beginning, willingly bearing the price of love. Open our hearts today to respond, freely, gladly and reverently, ready to risk something for you who risked so much for us. **Amen**