



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET ~ 8th March 2020**  
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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*

**SERVICES NEXT WEEK**

**St. Mary's:**

**Wednesday 10.00am ~ Holy Communion**

**Sunday 9.30am ~ Family Eucharist**

**St. Oswald's:**

**Sunday 11.00am ~ Parish Eucharist**

Throughout Lent a study group will be held on Thursdays during March at Catriona's house 1 Oceana, West Parade, Bexhill. TN39 3OZ. 4-5pm. More details from Paul.

On 12th March we will be discussing Paul's sermon on Thailand upon his return. If you would like a copy in advance please ask!

**Any items for the  
Weekly Sheet**

To Nicki Murphy  
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By Wednesday 6pm please.  
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**Please put any used  
stamps in the box at the  
back of St. Mary's for  
Eastbourne DGH**

## **TODAY'S READINGS     2nd Sunday of Lent**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading - Genesis 12.1–4a**

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

### **Second Reading - Romans 4.1–5, 13–17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all

his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## **Gospel - John 3.1–17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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**PRAYERS & INTENTIONS**

*Pray daily for peace and all those who suffer from illness especially  
Peter Green, Donna Morris, Isaiah Benjamin, John Proctor.*

**RIP Vanessa Harrison**

whose funeral is at 11.00am on 13<sup>th</sup> March at  
Eastbourne Crematorium.

This week we pray for the residents of Ingrams Green, Ninfield,  
Top Road, Hooe and the Ninfield C of E Primary School,  
Governors and Volunteers .

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for Bexhill Street Pastors.

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

**Where possible St Mary's will be open from:**

**9am – 3pm Monday - Thursday,**

**Wednesday 10 am 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.**

**From the Diary**

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Mar ~** Ninfield Village Society AGM, 7pm Methodist  
Hall.

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Mar ~** Hooe Open Group, 2pm , Village Hall.

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Mar ~** Hooe Coffee Morning and Book Exchange  
10.30 to 12 noon, Village Hall.