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#### PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

**RIP** Desmond Fuller

Whose funeral is at St. Mary's 2pm 10<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's This week we pray for residents of Coombe Shaw, Ninfield, Lower Road, Hooe and Ninfield Methodist Church. In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for Bexhill United Reform church and their minister Terry Iin

> 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.

# From the Diary

**Mon 27th January** ~ St Oswald's Prayer Tree 12 noon

**Mon 27**th **January** ~ Men's Shed - Sparke Pavilion 11am

Fri 31st January ~ Film Night - Memorial Hall **DOWNTON ABBEY** 

Tickets £5 (no need to book) 7 for 7.30pm **Bar and Refreshments** 



### THE PARISHES OF St OSWALD'S HOOE



# St. MARY'S NINFIELD

WEEKLY SHEET ~ 26th January 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 to help those who wear a hearing aid with the T setting.

# **SERVICES NEXT WEEK** St. Mary's

Wednesday 10am ~ Holy Communion ~ Steph Prosser Sunday 9.30am ~ Parish Eucharist ~ John Hawkins St Oswald's

**Sunday 11am** ~ Family Service ~ Alison Marchant All Joint Services will be held at 10.30am.

### **Prayer** by Nick Fawcett

Sovereign God, without your light in our lives we walk in darkness. denied the joy, peace, hope, alone can give. So we ask, through this time of worship, that the light of Christ might break yet more fully into our hearts and shine more brightly through our lives,to your glory. Amen.

#### Any items for the Weekly Sheet

to Nicki Murphy nickimurphy3@sky.com and strength and guidance that you Sally Parry sparrygb@gmail.com by Wednesday 6pm please.

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

# TODAY'S READINGS Third Sunday of Epiphany

### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

# First Reading Isaiah 9.1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1.10–18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### Gospel Reading Matthew 4.12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Isaiah 9:2a)