

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

No Service

St Oswald's

Sunday 10.30am ~ Joint Parish Eucharist



I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)

TODAY'S READINGS 17th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 - Exodus 20.1–4, 7–9, 12–20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath. or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Second Reading - Philippians 3.4b-14

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 21.33-end

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone: this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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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, Tracey Perry, Martin Wood, Val Masterman and Mary Browne.

This week we pray for residents of Hooe Road, Ninfield, Church Lane, Hooe and the Hooe Line Dancing Group. In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for St Michael's Church, Bexhill (in vacancy)

Church Opening Times for Private Prayer

St. Mary's - Tuesday and Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm St Oswald's - Every day from 9.00am to 5.00pm

Any items for the Weekly Sheet

To Nicki Murphy nickimurphy3@sky.com and Sally Parry sparrygb@gmail.com by Wednesday 6pm please.

Prayer

Loving God, help us, as we worship you, to look honestly at ourselves and recognise where we fail you, where our lives fall short, where our commitment is weak, where the harvest is poor. Come to us afresh, and bring growth in grace, fresh shoots of the Spirit, signs of new life. In your mercy, nurture our faith, so that we might bear fruit for you, reflecting your love and living to your praise and glory,through Jesus Christ our Lord.