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**PRAYERS & INTENTIONS**

*Pray daily for peace and all those who suffer from illness especially  
Linda Bligh, Cass Chapman and Nick Crawshaw.*

This week we pray for all the residents of Church Lane,  
Ninfield, Sawpits, Hooe  
and the Playgroup, Toddlers and Muddy Boots.

In the CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for  
Christchurch Methodist Church and Crawford Logan

We pray also for Pyers Jensen Lockwood and Lucia Gelsomina  
Albertella who were married at St Oswald's yesterday.

**Any items for  
the  
Weekly Sheet  
to  
Nicki Murphy  
at  
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by  
Wednesday  
6p.m. please.**

**PRAYER**

*Nick Fawcett*

Almighty God, help us truly to worship  
you –to offer not superficial show, empty  
piety, lifeless ritual or outward observance,  
but heartfelt praise, true thanksgiving,  
genuine penitence, sacrificial commitment,  
meaningful intercession and a real hunger  
and thirst to know and serve you better.  
Work within us now, so that what we  
declare with our lips we may believe in our  
hearts and display in our lives,  
to your glory.

**Amen.**



**THE PARISHES OF  
St OSWALD'S HOOE  
and  
St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET ~ 1st September 2024**



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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  
Sunday 10.30a.m. ~ Joint Parish Eucharist  
St. Oswald's  
No Service**

Today - St Oswald's are having a Tea Party - from  
2.30p.m. In Hooe Village Hall. All are welcome.



*Honour those who fear the Lord. (Psalm 15:4b)*

## **TODAY'S READINGS    14th Sunday after Trinity**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 ~ Song of Solomon 2.8-13**

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

### **Second Reading ~ James 1.17-end**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the

Implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **Gospel Reading ~ .Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'