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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Pray daily for peace and all those who suffer from illness especially Linda Bligh, Cass Chapman, Nick Crawshaw, Janet Pattisson, Heather Sinden and Kate Gausden.

This week we pray for all the residents of Potmans Lane, Ninfield, Top Road, Hooe and all our Sidespeople, Readers and Intercessers.

In the CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for all Hospital Chaplains.

PRAYER Nick Fawcett

Any items for the Weekly Sheet to Nicki Murphy at nickimurphy3 @sky.com by Wednesday

6p.m. please.

Almighty God, you are greater than our minds can fathom, higher than our highest thoughts, sovereign over all, worthy of praise and honour. Forgive us that we sometimes lose our sense of awe and wonder in your Presence, oblivious to your greatness and forgetful of your goodness. Speak to us, as you spoke to Mary, and help us to catch a new sense of who you are, of all you have done, and of all you will yet do in our lives. Help us to magnify your name, singing your praises and telling of your greatness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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St. MARY'S NINFIELD

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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

Christmas Eve 6.30p.m. ~ Parish Eucharist
Sunday ~ No Service
St. Oswald's

Christmas Day 11.00a.m. ~ Parish Eucharist Sunday 11.00a.m. ~ Parish Eucharist



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. (Luke 1:41a)

TODAY'S READINGS 4th Sunday of Advent

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading ~ Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Second Reading ~ Hebrews 10.5–10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' [And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.']