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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 Pattison, Heather Sinden and Kate Gausden.

**RIP** David Lonsdale Formby whose funeral is at  
St Oswald's 2p.m. on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

This week we pray for all the residents of Ninfield and Hooe  
and all who attend our Church Services.

In the CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for  
All Saints Church, Sidley, Ian Edger and Olivia Werrett.

## PRAYER *Nick Fawcett*

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

Father God,  
as you drew Jesus even as a child to your  
house, to seek you there and learn more of  
your will, so help us to sense your hand  
drawing us there today, to guide, challenge,  
nourish and nurture, opening up new  
experiences of your love and fresh insights  
in to your will.

Grant that we might approach you now,  
not out of duty or habit but hungry to meet  
with you once more, to hear your voice  
and to answer your call, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 29th December 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 9.30a.m. ~ Parish Eucharist**

**St. Oswald's**

**Sunday 11.00a.m. ~ Family Service**

St. Oswald's Prayer Tree - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon



*After three days they found him in the temple. (Luke 2:46a)*

## **TODAY'S READINGS    1st Sunday of Christmas**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading ~ 1 Samuel 2.18–20, 26**

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

### **Second Reading ~ Colossians 3.12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### **Gospel Reading ~ Luke 2.41–end**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.