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## PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

*Pray daily for peace and all those who suffer from illness especially*

Cass Chapman, Tara Waterhouse, Ross Clifton,  
and Nina Mutter.

This week we pray for all the residents of  
Old Ingrams Drive, Ninfield, Mill Lane , Hooe  
and Elected Representatives Local and National.

In the CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for  
St John's Baptist Church, Bexhill and Kathy Lee.

We also pray for Theodore Charlie Roy Peter March  
who is being Baptised at St. Mary's today

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

## PRAYER *Nick Fawcett*

Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you in  
Worship, seeking to learn more of you and  
to welcome you more fully into our lives.  
We come, yearning to love as you have  
loved us to show the truth of our faith and  
the authenticity of our discipleship through  
our devotion to one another and to you, and  
through our concern for others. Help us,  
through this service, to recognise the ways  
in which we fall short of that calling, to ac-  
knowledge these honestly to you, and to  
open our hearts afresh to your face, so that  
your love might grow within us and overflow  
to your praise and glory. **Amen.**



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 18th May 2025

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

*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 stting.*

## SERVICES NEXT WEEK

**St Mary's**

**Sunday 9.30a.m. ~ APCM (No Service)**

**St Oswald's**

**Sunday 11.00a.m. ~ Parish Eucharist**

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*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. (John 13:34a)*

## **TODAY'S READINGS ~ 5th Sunday of Easter**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading ~ Acts 11.1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized

with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

### **Second Reading ~ Revelation 21.1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

### **Gospel Reading ~ John 13.31-35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'