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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

Donna Morris, Martin Wood, Val Masterman, Donald Paine, Anthony Gibbons, Mary Waterhouse & Ann Martyr

RIP Dick Sargent

This week we pray for residents of Manchester Road, Ninfield, Church Lane, Hooe and the Ninfield Health & Wellbeing Group

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for St. Augustine's Church, Bexhill and Robert Coates

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

**Prayer** Peter Dainty

Lord God, our maker, you are the source of all our life and strength, the fountain of all that we know and the provider of all that we need; reach out to us in this act of worship, that it may be more than a formal exercise of religious tradition, but rather, a means of grace.  
Draw near to us, Lord:  
**that we may come closer to you.**  
**Amen.**



**THE PARISHES OF**  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET ~ 20th March 2022**  
www.ninfield.org.uk



*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**

**Mothering Sunday**

**St. Mary's**

**Sunday 9.30a.m. ~ Family Service**

**St Oswald's**

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

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**Today there will be an extra collection in both churches for the Ukraine Appeal**

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Monday 4th April.

A talk on prayer for Lent by Paul Frostick in St Oswald's Church, Hooe at 11am. This will be followed by a time of prayer also in church. All are welcome to join us and there will also be a chance to share your own thoughts on the subject.

TODAY'S READINGS Third Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 ~ Isaiah 55.1–9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 10.1–13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 13.1–9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'