



THE PARISHES OF
St OSWALD'S HOOE
and
St. MARY'S NINFIELD
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 9th July 2017



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 setting.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

St. Mary's

Wednesday 10.00am ~ Parish Eucharist

Sunday 9.30am ~ Family Service

St Oswald's

Sunday 11.15am ~ Family Service ~ Paul Abnett

From the Diary:

Monday 10th 7.30pm NAG Meeting ~ Reading Room

Tuesday 11th 10am - 4pm ~ Ninfield Open Gardens

& Wednesday 12th 2 - 4pm ~ Tea in the Garden ~

See Parish News for details, proceeds to St Michael's Hospice

8.30pm Carnival Meeting ~ Working Men's Club

Friday 14th 2.30pm ~ Hooe Open Group ~ Village Hall

Friday 14th Big Barn Dance, **Saturday 15th** Ninfield Carnival

Sunday 16th 1pm ~ **BBQ at Paul and Eileen's**

to thank everyone for their hard work for the church this year!

TODAY'S READINGS Fourth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading *Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-67*

The servant whom Abraham had sent said to Laban: ³⁴ 'I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." ⁴² I came today to the spring, and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' - let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son." ⁴⁵ Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' ⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' ⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession

of the gates of their foes.’⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb.⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming.⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel,⁶⁵ and said to the servant, ‘Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?’ The servant said, ‘It is my master.’ So she took her veil and covered herself.⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Second Reading *Romans 7.15-25a*

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel Reading *Matthew 11.16-19,25-30*

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶ ‘To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. ²⁵ I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

Barry and Margaret West, Hope Green, Peter Green,
Donna Morris, Nicki Rist and Anne Feist.

RIP Elsie Johnson: funeral 13th July at Eastbourne Crematorium

This week we pray for residents of Stocks Meadow, Ninfield,
Broadstreet Green, Hooe, and the Methodists. In our CTiB
cycle of prayer we pray for Sidley Baptist Church



Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. (Song of Songs 2:10)

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Prayer by Christina Rossetti

Speak, Lord, for your servant
hears. Grant us ears to hear,
Eyes to see, Wills to obey,
Hearts to love;
Then declare what you will,
Reveal what you will,
Command what you will,
Demand what you will. **Amen**

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