



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET ~ 3rd Dec 2017**  
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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 setting.*

**SERVICES NEXT WEEK**

***St. Mary's***

Wednesday 10.00am ~ Holy Communion

Sunday 9.30am ~ No Service

***St Oswald's***

Sunday 11.00am ~ Joint Parish Eucharist

**From the Diary**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.15pm ~ Ninfield Parish Council  
Methodist Hall

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ Hooe Open Group

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec ~ **Ninfield Village Christmas Party!**  
7pm - Midnight Ninfield Mem Hall. Tickets: £3 Adults,  
£1 children, available from the Village Stores.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm ~ **Hooe Christmas Market!**  
Hooe Village Hall

# TODAY'S READINGS

## First Sunday of Advent

### The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading *Isaiah 64.1-9*

<sup>1</sup> O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - <sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup> Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

## **Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 1.3-9*

My brothers and sisters: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Gospel Reading** *Mark 13.24-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>24</sup> ‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

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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, Justin Pierce and Jim Hoad.*

This week we pray for residents of Moons Hill, Ninfield, Lower Road, Hooe, and the Hooe History Group.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for Living World Church and Rev Dale Barrett.



*Restore us, O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.  
(Psalm 80:1-2)*

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## Prayer

By Nick Fawcett

Lord Jesus Christ,  
just as you walked and talked on our earth,  
present among your people, sharing our humanity,  
ministering your love, living and dying alongside  
us, teach us that you are here now through your  
Spirit, equally as near and involved,  
just as eager to show your love and minister your  
grace.

Grant now, as we come together in your name,  
that we might sense your presence,  
hear your voice and learn more of your redeeming,  
renewing power, so that we will be open to all you  
would do among us and equipped to live more  
faithfully as your people, to your glory. **Amen.**

Any items for  
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6pm please.