



THE PARISHES OF
St OSWALD'S HOOE
and
St. MARY'S NINFIELD
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 31st Dec 2017



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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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

Wednesday ~ 10am Holy Communion

Sunday ~

10.30am Joint Parish Eucharist with Methodist Church

St Oswald's

Sunday ~ 11am Family Service ~ Alison Marchant



*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.
(Luke 2:20)*

TODAY'S READINGS The 1st Sunday of Christmas

The 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. **Amen.**

First Reading *Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3*

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Second Reading *Galatians 4.4-7*

⁴ When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel Reading *Luke 2.15-21*

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. ²¹ After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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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, Jim Hoad, Justin Pierce,
Aubrey Yull, Nathan Thompson and Roger Bushell.

This week we pray for residents of Old Ingrams Drive,
Ninfield, Sawpits, Hooe, and the Golden Circle.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for
Churches Together in Bexhill.

Prayer By Nick Fawcett

Lord Jesus Christ,
like the shepherds of old
we come with hearts ablaze
to celebrate your birth,
to kneel in wonder,
to offer our thanksgiving
and to respond personally to
you.

May we, like them, thrill to the
good news of your
coming, and go on our way
rejoicing, making known to
those we meet
everything we have found to
be true in you.

In your name we pray.

Amen.



Any items for the Weekly
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By Wednesday 6pm please.