



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET ~ 7th January 2018**



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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 ~ 9.30am Joint Parish Eucharist**

***St Oswald's***

**Sunday ~ No Service**

**From The Diary**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Flower Group AGM ~ 7.30pm Memorial Hall

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Christian Women's Fellowship AGM & Social  
2.30pm Methodist Hall

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Hooe Open Group ~ Hooe Village Hall

# TODAY'S READINGS

# Epiphany

## The Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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. **Amen**

## First Reading *Isaiah 60.1-6*

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

## Second Reading *Ephesians 3.1-12*

<sup>1</sup> I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - <sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in

Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## **Gospel Reading** *Matthew 2.1-12*

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, <sup>2</sup> 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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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, Aubrey Yull, Nathan Thompson and Roger Bushell.*

**RIP Jean Tate      RIP John Jarrett**

**RIP Kathleen Southouse** ~ funeral at Hailsham Parish church at 2pm  
on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

This week we pray for residents of Cookstown Close, Ninfield,  
Church Lane, Hooe, and the Ninfield School Governors.  
In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for St Michael's and Rev Robert  
Featherstone



*They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.  
(Matthew 2:11a)*

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**Prayer by Nick Fawcett**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
hope of your people, hope of your world,  
touch now our lives as we gather before you.  
Shine in our hearts, illumine our minds  
and light up our spirits,  
so that we will grasp more clearly  
the hope you give us in turn:  
the assurance of your love  
and the joy of life in all its fullness,  
here now and for all eternity.      **Amen.**

**Any items for the Weekly Sheet**

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**By Wednesday 6pm please.**