

THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET ~ 4th March 2018**  
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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 10am ~ Holy Communion**

**Mothering Sunday 9.30am ~ Parish Eucharist**

***St Oswald's***

**Mothering Sunday 11am ~ Parish Eucharist**

**From The Diary**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March ~ Memorial Hall ~ Flower Group**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7pm ~ Hooe PCC ~ at Anne Bourner's**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm ~ Hooe Village Hall**

**Hooe Open Group**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2pm ~ Memorial Hall**

**Flower Group Jumble Sale ~ Admission 50p**

**SOS - Are you aware of the proposed changes to Ninfield School? Please speak to Paul for details and if you can, complete the form at: <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk>**

# TODAY'S READINGS

# Third Sunday in Lent

## The 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 *Exodus 20. 1 -17*

<sup>2</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup> Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup> But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup> Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. <sup>17</sup> You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

## **Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 1.18-25*

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## **Gospel Reading** *John 2.13-22*

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup> They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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**PRAYERS & INTENTIONS**

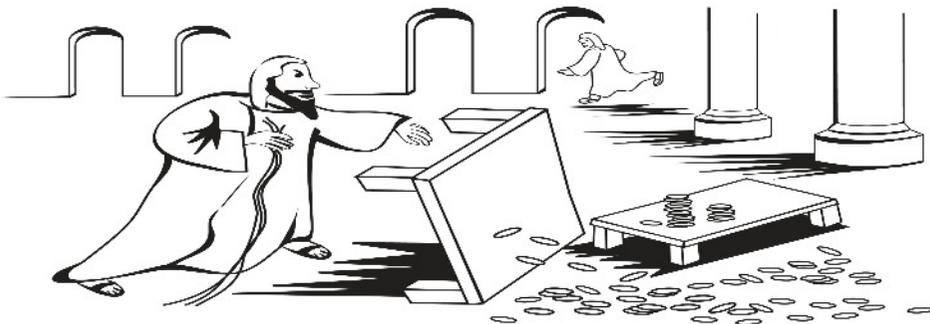
*Pray daily for peace and all those who suffer from illness especially*

Barry and Margaret West, Hope Green, Peter Green, Donna Morris, Aubrey Yull, Nathan Thompson, Roger Bushell, Donald Cornford and Don Driver.

**R.I.P Adrian Pont**

This week we pray for residents of Catsfield Rd, Ninfield, Kiln Lane, Hooe, and the Methodists.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for Little Common Methodists and Rev Tricia Williams.



*He drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. (John 2:15a)*

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**Poem** by Elizabeth Rooney

Trust him as if you were a daffodil  
thrusting your vulnerable green  
into the cold March air. He has called you  
to love and praise him here  
in this strange modern scene.  
He knows more than you know  
about the pain of being human  
and the cost of sin. He knows the wind is chill,  
the snow half melted and the ground still bare.  
And yet, he calls like spring, 'Come, follow  
me!' Be like the daffodils and dare!

**Any items for the  
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