

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 ~ Family Eucharist

# St Oswald's

Sunday 11am ~ Parish Eucharist

# **From The Diary**

 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Methodist Church:
2.30pm Christian Womens Fellowship
5.00 – 7.00pm Messy Active Teens
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 8.30pm Carnival Meeting in the 'Tin Hut'
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 9.30am Sparkes Pavillion Ninfield Neighbourhood Watch
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 9.30 - 12.00 Memorial Hall Ninfield Village Market

# **TODAY'S READINGS**

# **Mothering Sunday**

### **The Collect**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 Exodus 2.1-10

<sup>1</sup> A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.<sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' <sup>8</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

# Second Reading 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, <sup>4</sup> who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. <sup>5</sup> For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. <sup>6</sup> If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. <sup>7</sup> Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

## Gospel Reading Luke 2.33-35

<sup>33</sup> The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'



She got a papyrus basket for him . . . she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. (Exodus 2:3) © Copyright 2008 Kevin Mayhew Lid

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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, Donald Cornford and Don Driver.

## **R.I.P Roger Bushell**

This week we pray for residents of Crouch Lane, Ninfield, Lower Road, Hooe, and Ninfield Horticultural Society. In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for Bexhill Street Pastors.

**By Nick Fawcett** Praver Caring and compassionate God, speak to us today through the love shown by mothers of your love for us and all: the love that brought us into being, that has nurtured us across the vears, that welcomes us here and that will go on reaching out, come what may, for all eternity. Help us, as we honour what motherhood means, to honour you also, recognising that you show the same devotion and more, an unswerving commitment to your children's welfare, and teach us, as part of your family, to respond accordingly, loving you in return, expressing our gratitude, and living as you have taught us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Any items for the Weekly Sheet to Sally Bobin sallypod@hotmail.co.uk and Sally Parry sparrygb@gmail.com By Wednesday 6pm please.

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#### Are you able to help please?

St Mary's needs more Sacristans and Intercessors. If you feel able to help us please speak to our Priest, Rev Paul Frostick or the Churchwardens, Phil or Catriona. Thank you.