



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 22nd April 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** 11am ~ No Service - Annual Parochial Meeting

**From the Diary**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** ~ Deanery Synod 7.00pm

St Michael's Church Bexhill

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** ~

Messy Church, Ninfield Methodist Church 3.30 - 5.30pm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** ~

School Governors Meeting 8.15am, Reading Room

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** ~

Ninfield PCC 3.30pm at Catriona's

**A big thank you to everyone who has collected stamps, the hospital has raised an amazing £39000.400 so far!**

# TODAY'S READINGS

# Fourth Sunday

## After Easter

### The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading *Acts 4.5-12*

<sup>5</sup> The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." <sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

### Second Reading *1 John 3.16-24*

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## **Gospel Reading**    *John 10.11-18*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: <sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away - because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'



*I am the good shepherd. (John 10:11a)*

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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, Donald Cornford and Don Driver.

**R.I.P Sally Stanion R.I.P John Pilbeam Funeral at**

**Hooe on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. R.I.P Pamela Brockhurst**

**Funeral at Ninfield on 4<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am.**

This week we pray for residents of Church Lane, Ninfield, Top Road, Hooe and Ninfield Working Man's Club.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for  
St Stephen's (In Vacancy)

**Prayer By Nick Fawcett**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
shepherd of the sheep, Lamb of God, we  
thank you that though we  
repeatedly err and stray,  
ignoring your voice and  
wandering far from your side,  
you not only seek us out,  
but also willingly lay down your life for  
us, freely giving that we might freely  
receive.

Equip us now to show our  
gratitude by following you more closely,  
trusting you more  
Completely and obeying you more faith-  
fully, so that our lives as well as our  
words may give  
honour to you, now and always.

**Amen.**

**Any items for the  
Weekly Sheet  
to Sally Bobin  
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and Sally Parry  
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By Wednesday 6pm please.**

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St Mary's. Collecting for  
Eastbourne DGH.  
Thank you.**