



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 26th August 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 ~ No Service**

**Sunday 9.30am ~ Parish Eucharist ~ Rev John Hawkins**

**St Oswald's**

**Sunday 11am ~ Family Service ~ Alison Marchant**

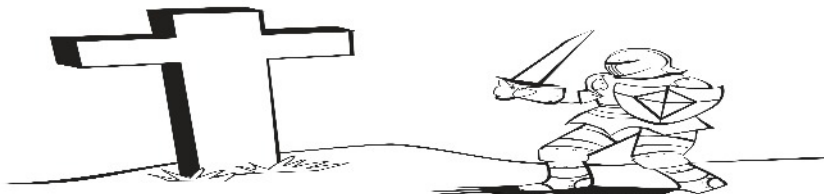
**From the Diary**

**Friday 31st ~ Jo's Jammies 7.30-9.00pm Methodist Hall**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept ~ Ninfield PCC - 3.30pm at  
Paul and Eileen's.**

**In the next month or so.....**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October ~ Ninfield Gala Night, including the Village Awards. Tickets £13.50 including a fish and chip supper.**



*Take up the whole armour of God. (Ephesians 6:13a)*

## **TODAY'S READINGS Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **First Reading** Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18

24 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 14 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' 16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

### **Second Reading** Ephesians 6.10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.  
11 Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers

of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

### **Gospel Reading** John 6.56-69

56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’ 59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ 61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. 65 And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’ 66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. 67 So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ 68 Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

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**PRAYERS & INTENTIONS**

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

Hope Green, Peter Green, Donna Morris, Aubrey Yull,  
Donald Cornford, Amy Ballard,  
John Proctor and Mary Collings.

This week we pray for residents of Smith Close, Ninfield,  
Green Lane, Hooe and The Christian Women’s Fellowship.

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

**St Mary’s and St Oswald’s Opening Times:**

**Where possible St Mary’s will be open from:**

**9am – 3pm Monday - Thursday**

**Wednesday 10 a.m. - Only when there is a Holy Communion Service.**

**St Mary’s is closed on Fridays, Saturdays & after the Sunday service.**

**St Oswald’s is open from 9am to 5pm every day.**

**Prayer** By David Adam

Blessed are you, Lord our God; in you is life and life eternal. You love us with an everlasting love. You give us the freedom to turn to you or turn away from you. You do not compel us to love you but invite us to know you and your love. Help us in our desire to know you and to be more faithful to you. Blessed are you, God, for ever. **Amen.**

**Any items for the Weekly Sheet**

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By Wednesday 6pm please.

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**Please put any used stamps in the box at the back of St Mary’s. Collecting for Eastbourne DGH.**

**Thank you.**