

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 ~ Joint Parish Eucharist St Oswald's

Sunday 11am ~ No Service

### From the Diary

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Ninfield Flower Group ~ 7.30pm Memorial Hall Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Parish Council Meeting ~ Methodist Hall Friday 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Book Exchange Café ~ 10am - 12noon Methodist Hall Sat 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Coffee & Conversation ~ 10.30am ~ Hooe Village Hall Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept ~ Ninfield PCC - 3.30pm at Paul & Eileen's A date for your diaries : St Oswald's Bell Ringing Band Beetle Drive Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October ~ 7 for 7.30pm at Hooe Village Hall £6 pp includes Ploughman's plate & coffee or tea, bring your own drinks & nibbles. carole.ballard.cb@googlemail.com

## **TODAY'S READINGS Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity** The Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

#### Second Reading James 1.17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act, they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

#### Gospel Reading Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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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 Sparke Gardens, Ninfield,

 Horsewalk, Hooe and The Village Society.

# In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for Bexhill Street Pastors.

#### 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 being painted and decorated and will be closed during the day, until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September, Sunday services continue as usual.

#### Prayer

Almighty God,help us truly to worship you to offer not superficial show, empty piety, lifeless ritual or outward observance,but heartfelt praise, true thanksgiving, genuine Penitence, sacrificial commitment, meaningful intercession and a real hunger and thirst to know and serve you better. Work within us now, so that what we declare with our lips we may believe in our hearts and display in our lives, to your glory. **Amen.**  Any items for the Weekly Sheet to Sally Bobin sallypod@hotmail.co.uk and Sally Parry sparrygb@gmail.com By Wednesday 6pm please. ++++++++++++++ Please put any used stamps in the box at the back of St Mary's. Collecting for Eastbourne DGH. Thank you.