

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:

Tuesday 16th ~ Ninfield School Harvest Service Wednesday 10am ~ Holy Communion Sunday 9.30am ~ Family Eucharist

St Oswald's:

Sunday 11am ~ Parish Eucharist

From the Diary

Monday 15th ~ Horticultural Society AGM ~ 7.30pm Memorial Hall.

Thursday 18th ~ Hooe History Society ~ 7pm ~ Village Hall. Ninfield Local History Group ~ 7.30pm ~ Methodist Hall.

Saturday 20th ~ Ninfield Village Market ~ 9.30 - 12 noon ~ Memorial Hall. Ninfield Bonfire Society Annual torchlit procession 6.30pm, bonfire and fireworks at 7.15pm on Ninfield Recreation Ground.

Tuesday 23rd October ~ **'Talking Point'** Ninfield Methodist Church 7.00 - 8.30 pm Informal chat, this month's subject is debt.

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

Please add your name to the list at the back of the church if you would like to join us!

TODAY'S READINGS

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Second Reading Timothy 2.1-7

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Reading Matthew 6.25-33

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

This Harvest St Mary's will be supporting the Diocese of Chichester Harvest Appeal. 'Rebuilding Lives, Faithful in Action' This supports projects with our Diocesan partners in East and West Africa and will make a huge difference in their communities. Envelopes are available in church.

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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Pray daily for peace and all those who suffer from illness especially
Peter Green, Donna Morris, Aubrey Yull, Donald Cornford,
Amy Ballard, Mary Collings, Val Masterman & Nicki Rist. **R.I.P. Hope Green & Jane Holdway. There will be a service of thanksgiving for Jane's life in St Oswalds on 18th October at 2pm.**This week we pray for residents of Crouch Lane, Ninfield,
Red Lion Park, Hooe and the Hooe Line Dance Group.
In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for St Stephen's
(in vacancy.)

<u>St Mary's and St Oswald's Opening Times:</u> 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.

Date for your Diary!

St Mary's Christmas Fayre

Saturday 17th November in the Church from 10am - 12 noon. More information about stalls etc, to follow.

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