

THE PARISHES OF St OSWALD'S HOOE

and



St. MARY'S NINFIELD

WEEKLY SHEET ~ 2nd December 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:

3pm Today: St Michael's Hospice ~ Lights of Love Service **Wednesday** 10am ~ No Service

Sunday 9.30am ~ No service

St Oswald's:

Sunday 11am ~ Joint Parish Eucharist ~ with a speaker from the Children's Society.

Envelopes for a donation to the Society will be available.

Advent & Christmas Services

Monday 10th ~ Ninfield School: Learning about water in Church 1.20pm

Monday 17th ~ Ninfield School are rehersing in St Mary's

for their show at 2pm

Wednesday 19th December ~ St Oswald's Carol Service 7.30pm

Sunday 23rd December ~

St Mary's Carols and Christingle 3.00pm

Christmas Eve ∼ St Oswald's Christmas Eucharist 6pm

Christmas Day ~

St Mary's ~ Parish Eucharist 9.30am St Oswald's ~ Parish Eucharist 11am

TODAY'S READINGS

First Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Foodbank

There is a poster at the back of St Mary's with ideas for the Advent 2018 food boxes.

Gospel Reading Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly,

like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'



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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.
This week we pray for residents of Downsview, Ninfield,
Green Lane, Hooe and Ninfield Church of England Primary
School, governors and volunteers.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for Living World Church and Rev Dale Barrett

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 Nick Fawcett

Lord Jesus Christ, just as you walked and talked on our earth, present among your people, sharing our humanity, ministering your love, living and dying alongside us, teach us that you are here now through your Spirit, equally as near and Involved, just as eager to show your love and minister your grace. Grant now, as we come together in your name, that we might sense your presence, hear your voice and learn more of your redeeming, renewing power, so that we will be open to all you would do among us and equipped to live more faithfully as your people, to your glory.

Amen