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## PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

Cass Chapman, Nick Crawshaw, Tara Waterhouse, Ross Clifton,  
Jim Simmons, Nina Mutter and Janet Pattisson.

This week we pray for all the residents of  
Manchester Road, Ninfield, Church Lane, Hooe  
and Ninfield Health & Wellbeing Group.

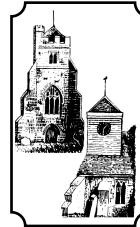
In the CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for the  
Bexhill and Battle Foodbanks and all their volunteers.

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**The Electoral Roll is being renewed this year so everyone  
who wants to be on it must complete a new Form.  
Otherwise you will be removed.**

## PRAYER *Peter Dainty*

**Any items for  
the  
Weekly Sheet  
to  
Nicki Murphy  
at  
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by  
Wednesday  
6p.m. please.**

Lord God, our maker, you are the source  
of all our life and strength, the fountain of  
all that we know and the provider of all that  
we need; reach out to us in this act of  
worship, that it may be more than a formal  
exercise of religious tradition, but rather, a  
means of grace.  
Draw near to us, Lord: that we may come  
closer to you Lord, hear our prayers,  
and help us not only to speak but to listen,  
and not only to listen, but to obey,  
and not only to obey, but to love,



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET ~ 23rd March 2025**



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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 - MOTHERING SUNDAY

**St Mary's**

**Sunday 9.30a.m. ~ Parish Eucharist**

**St Oswald's**

**Sunday 11.00a.m. ~ Parish Eucharist**

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Lent Study Group on the Creed at St Oswald's on Monday at 2pm.

This week we look at "The Holy Spirit"

**N.B: the clocks go forward on 30<sup>th</sup> March**



*A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it  
and found none. (Luke 13:6)*

## **TODAY'S READINGS ~ 3rd Sunday of Lent**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

### **First Reading ~ Isaiah 55.1–9**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### **Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 10.1–13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

### **Gospel Reading ~ Luke 13.1–9**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '