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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

Cass Chapman, Tara Waterhouse, Nina Mutter
and Alice Driver.

This week we pray for all the residents of
Coombe Lane, Ninfield, Mill Lane, Hooe
and the Hooe Village Allotments.

In the CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for
Christchurch Methodist Church, Bexhill
and Crawford Logan

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

PRAYER Nick Fawcett

Living God, reveal to us more of your will
and equip us to honour it. Save us from
taking the path of least resistance, opting for
peace where there is no peace or
pretending all is well when the reality is
otherwise.

Give us instead the faith and courage we
need to stand up for what is right, even if
that risks alienating people, including
perhaps, those we love.

Hear us and help us,
O God, in the name of Christ. **Amen.**



THE PARISHES OF
St. OSWALD'S HOOE
and
St. MARY'S NINFIELD
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 17th August 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

St. Mary's

No service

St. Oswald's

Sunday 11.00a.m. ~ Parish Eucharist



Give justice to the weak and the orphan. (Psalm 82:3a)

TODAY'S READINGS ~ 9th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy 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 5.1–7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Second Reading ~ Hebrews 11.29-12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak,

Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 12.49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?