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March 2019 50p



St MARY's & St OSWALD's

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3 rd Mar	Parish Eucharist	Family Service
6 th Mar	10.00 Ash Wednesday	No Service
10 th Mar	Joint Parish Eucharist	No Service
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Wednesday. 10 a.m. Holy Communion

Most weeks – please check the weekly sheet in Church

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

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Any alterations or additions to these service times will be displayed on the church notice boards, the weekly sheet and can be found on the church website along with other church details ~ www.ninfield.org.uk

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Dear Fiends,

Just over a year ago now I organised our Parish Eucharist Booklets to be printed with a new format and new content. I have received a lot of positive comment about a prayer I used as the invitation to come and receive Communion. Hooe PCC asked if I could write something in the Parish Magazine about welcoming people to receive Communion. I therefore include the words of that prayer as an introduction to what I want to say this month:

“This is the Table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love Him and for those who want to love Him more. So come, You who have much faith and You who have little, You who have been here often and You who have not been here long, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because it is I who invites you, it is our Lord, it is Christ and he invites you to meet him here. “

I believe that says exactly what I want to say about the importance of Holy Communion and our invitation to receive it. The Eucharist (Holy Communion) is the family meal of the church and it is the only command our Lord gave to us to ‘Do this in remembrance of me’. It is therefore a central activity of the worship of the Church and as such it should include all who wish to be part of that family activity. At the family meal around our table at home we would never exclude anyone from joining us around the table and the same should be true for the church. All are welcome!

Confirmation is an important ceremony within the life of the church, but it is not in itself a means to receive Holy Communion. Confirmation is taking your promises made at Baptism for yourself. To receive communion or not is simply between yourselves and God and I am sure our Lord would never exclude anyone!

My main thrust in the work I do with the two villages is that the church and our Lord are welcoming, no one is ever turned away and not only that, they are welcome with open arms. I therefore look forward to welcoming you to share in our Lords family meal and maybe

also to welcome you to confirmation. I am very happy to arrange confirmation classes at any time but don't be worried, they are not a long list of teachings about the faith, they are an exploration of faith that we share together so that we learn together. In the meantime, it will soon be the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday on 6th March and that is an opportunity to deepen our own faith and to remember that in church it is our Lord, it is Christ who invites you to meet him there!

Paul

"SAINT OSWALD'S BELLS

Our current band is five strong for our five bells.

To be certain of ringing all five when necessary is a "three-line whip" job. We need to be stronger.

We aim to practise once a week and ring for our Sunday service and other suitable occasions as needed BUT we need additional ringers and learners.

Please contact Simon Pattison (01424 845087) if you might be persuaded to add to our band."

St, Mary's

Funeral and Burial

David Histed 1st February 2019

*from the
Parish Records*

Closing date for items for the March issue of the Parish News is **Wednesday 13th March** send to ninfieldnews@btconnect.com

A quick reminder that with the February copy your £5.00 annual subscription was due. If you missed it's delivery you may have been left an envelope with an address as to where to leave it, if you are not sure who delivers your copy please phone 893326 and we'll let you know who to contact

PRAYER

The Cold Caller

I sit me down for evening food
After a day at work
The phone then rings, I think, "How rude!
"I've barely raised my fork!"
"I'm sorry to disturb you, sir,"
(Now that's a fearful lie!)
"But I would like now to confer
"About your PPI."
I try to be a Christian, real.
And, though it isn't fair
To interrupt my evening meal,
I really mustn't swear.
So, if the chappie wants to chat
Well, that is fine by me:
"I have good news for you in fact –
"Christ died to set you free!"
Usually I hear a click
And then there's no-one there
But then I follow up this trick
By offering a prayer:
"Dear Lord, I thank you very much –
"I can resume my food
"But in your mercy, would you touch
"His heart, and do him good?"

NINFIELD COMMUNITY FILM AFTERNOON

When you read this it will almost be time for the next Ninfield Community Film Afternoon. We will be showing 'Easter Parade' at 2.00pm on Friday 8th March at the Memorial Hall (Doors open at 1.30).

The afternoon, with refreshments if free of charge. It is both dementia and hearing loss friendly. If you have not yet booked your place, please do so as soon as possible so we know numbers for refreshments. Please contact Jackie Langley on 01424 892422 or email jackielangley1@btinternet.com

THE PARISH NEWS

First of all a BIG THANK YOU to all our lovely distributors for taking the February News to everyone and collecting nearly all of the £5.00s due. Well done, and thank you to all of you who have asked for the News to continue to be delivered each month, this year we think everyone has renewed, which is great.

Last month we had a piece about Facebook and it's uses, this was demonstrated on 7th Feb when a tree fell at Catsfield Stream closing the road for several hours. So we knew to find an alternative route, then there was a report of vandalism - as it was happening followed by a report of yet another pot hole! Useful information.

Apologies to Ninfield Horticultural Society and all of you who got confused! (We easily get confused!) The Annual Plant Sale was

advertised as being on 23rd March, this date is of course the fantastic Annual Spring Show, so sorry you will have to wait another month to buy all those lovely plants, in the meantime, get along to the Spring Show and get inspired to create a beautiful garden or show off your skills in cake making, preserves as well the quality of your beautiful plants - schedules available at the Village Stores. *Nicki & Carol*



BOOK EXCHANGE CAFÉ

It's good to see so many people taking advantage of these monthly sessions. In addition to providing opportunities to exchange books they are valuable social occasions. They are held on the first Friday of each month from 10am – 12noon in the Methodist Hall. Ninfield so put these dates in your diary: 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, etc.

Money raised will support this and other village activities which promote the health and well-being of people in our community. We have also been able to support two charities so far; Mustard Seed 'Love in a Box' and Crisis at Christmas.

Our stock of books is good having acquired all the books from the village shop. We have however, decided to add DVDs to our range so if you have any donations please let us know. David Swales 01424 892448 or dj_swales@hotmail.com

NINFIELD VILLAGE MARKET
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Every 3rd SATURDAY of the month 9.30 - 12.00

16th MARCH

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So a note for your diary Saturday 20th April

Enjoy coffee, cake and a natter at The Pop Up Cafe

Any enquiries to Chris 893388

NINFIELD FLOWER GROUP

On the 4th March we shall welcome to the Memorial Hall, commencing at 7.30 . Gaenor Circus with her demonstration entitled "Through the Ages". Non members are welcome at a small charge of £5.00 which includes refreshments. All flowers demonstrated are raffled at the end of the evening.

SATURDAY 9th MARCH – JUMBLE SALE – Doors open 2pm, anyone who is unable to attend but would like to donate, please telephone 01424 892878

Forthcoming events – **FLOWER FESTIVAL** to be held St Mary's Parish Church and Ninfield Methodist Church, both in Church Lane in NINFIELD May 4th to 6th.

Do please contact us if you would like any further information regarding any of our events, or would like to join our group please telephone Jennifer on 01424 892878 or emails us on ninfieldflowers@gmail.com

Diamond Wedding Celebration of Marjorie & Roger Sharp

We will be celebrating this at Ninfield Working Men's Club on

Thursday 21st of March from 2 pm onwards

We have both been in the village for a long time

Roger came as a boy of 11yrs & Marjorie as a young bride of 20 yrs

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NINFIELD VILLAGE SOCIETY

As I write this the remaining patches of snow are being washed away by heavy rainfall and everywhere is very slippery. The path down to Church Wood is quite easy to navigate but once there please be careful. It is well worth visiting now that the new path behind Church Pond is finished and our work now progresses to removing dead or unsafe trees. We then need to attend to some of the boundary fences where posts have rotted, using the timber from felled trees. Recycling at its most basic !

A note for your diaries... **APRIL 11th 2019**...our AGM will once again be at the Methodist Hall, 6.45pm for 7pm start, and our guest speaker this year will be John Cheshire with A History of Ashburnham Place. We endeavour to invite different speakers each year and to keep the business as brief as possible. Annual subscription is just £2 per person and free refreshments will be provided.

Finally, we are planning a Litterpick for the village and are fortunate in having a supply of sacks, reflective vests and litterpickers which were supplied by Wealden last year. Full details to follow shortly.

Ninfield Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be
Thursday 7th March
The Methodist Hall,
Ninfield residents are invited to attend

Hooe Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting will be
on Monday 18th March
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NINFIELD CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION 2019!!

The meeting on the 6th February had some fabulous new faces joining the remaining slightly older ones! And all were hoping for a positive outcome!- The final decision on whether there should be a Summer event this year or not, was...drum roll please.. YES! Phew! Now the planning must start in haste, and in earnest!

Decisions made on the night were...!

The theme for the Floats will be 'Sensational 60's' - so there will be an opportunity to work a little in tandem with the Bexhill event on the same day. Our weekend will have the main Marquee open on the Friday evening (12th) for drinks, and maybe a new venture...watch this space!... and on Saturday 13th, Mr Bumble has been booked to join the fun in the Marquee in the afternoon, after the fabulous Masterchef competition, and music from local performers. In the evening there will be an Auction in the Band's break, and there will be a grand Raffle, with a slight difference!!

Lots of ideas, lots of plans to make...lots of enthusiasm, but, NOT lots of members...yet!! So!

Do you think you'd like to get involved with the Carnival, Procession and Fete this year? Maybe help with the Raffle? The Auction?, The Tea Tent? The Craft Stalls? Would you be able to Sponsor something within the event? Could you find some time to promote the Carnival more widely through Social Media?

Any, and ALL help is invaluable; the Village loves having this family friendly, fun, free event on their doorstep- but there is always the need for MORE HELP to make it all happen !

Call me, Sami Guard, on 893699, or 07970650321, email samanthaguard@btinternet.com for more information and to register your interest!

The next meeting of the Ninfield Carnival Committee is on WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH - 8.15 for 8.30pm start, The Working Men's Club, Bexhill Road (opposite the Car Wash)AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Thank You!

OUR SCHOOL

The end is in sight: We will be moving into our new classrooms on 25th March after which the old ones will be safely demolished and the rest of the site work completed, hopefully by the end of May.

This month we've been tackling some of the effects of modern life and technology on our children. In support of 'Children's Mental Health week' we ran a number of workshops for the children covering emotions and feelings and how we each deal with those in different ways. The highlight of the week was a whole school rotation day when children took part in seven different sessions, each based in a different part of the school. This meant that the groups had to move between locations rather than be based in one classroom all day. Even this change to the daily routine threw up a few surprises in how different children cope with change. The individual sessions covered such diverse topics as: Keeping physically active; Guided meditation; Yoga; Managing your emotions; Talking about your feelings and Recycling. I joined in with three of the sessions and I was very impressed with the level of interaction and understanding, even by the very young children.

If you've read any of the recent press on this you will have seen the high levels of anxiety that are present in our children these days and some of the disturbing consequences, so anything that can be done to mitigate this has to be good.

It was also 'National Safer Internet day' and so we have been running workshops for the Parents as well as the children on how to stay safe online. Parents have a big responsibility in this and yet it is the children who tend to be more technology aware, so it is important that both are fully involved and understand the potential dangers of being online. The aim is to teach the three R's of digital citizenship: Risk, Reputation and Responsibility.

Education seems to have come a long way since the three R's I was taught (Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic) so to bring it back to basics I'd like to quote you some parts of a letter we recently received from the Department of Education:

Dear Mr Brown,

We would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your schools results show that 100% of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in writing and mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2. This means that for writing and mathematics your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England.

Not a bad result for a small rural school in East Sussex!

Ian Moffat

NINFIELD BOWLS CLUB

OPEN DAY

Sunday 14th April

2.15 pm

Why not come along and have a go?
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just make sure you wear trainers or flat shoes.
Everyone is welcome to come along and see what goes on,
and enjoy tea and refreshments as you watch.

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Ninfield Parish Council

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We welcomed 16 members of the public to the February Meeting including some new faces which was really great too see.

We heard an update on the Wealden Local Plan which was submitted for examination on 18th January 2019. Wealden District Council has made some minor changes to the submission plan which can be seen on their website. They have requested that the plan be examined at the beginning of March but we will have to wait and see when the Inspector timetables this. Ninfield Parish Council will be working hard to meet with the inspector at the appropriate meetings to discuss our representation to the plan. As Wealden District receive correspondence from the planning inspector they will make it available on their website. We will do our best to keep you updated.

The Parish Councillors discussed the possibility of the village creating a Neighbourhood Plan. When anyone mentions a Neighbourhood Plan everyone immediately thinks about planning and development.... Its true that PART of creating a Neighbourhood plan is to create a strategy for development in the village... but it is so much more than this. A Neighbourhood plan is a way of developing a shared vision for our village which would include influencing the planning. At the February meeting the Councillors agreed to take the first steps to investigating whether a neighbourhood plan would be right for Ninfield. A drop in session is being organised, please watch the notice boards, Facebook and the website for more information. The Parish Council will need people in the village to help, for example delivering questionnaires, reading documents, researching information. If you are able to offer any time, no time is too little then please contact the clerk, ninfieldpc@btinternet.com or tel: 07725 843505 for more information.

The Councillors discussed the timetable for the forthcoming district

and parish elections which are due to be held on Thursday 2nd May 2019. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please feel free to contact any of the current councillors or the clerk at ninfieldpc@btinternet.com or tel: 07725 843505. We need some new councillors this year. Nomination papers will be available from the clerk and must be submitted to the District council by 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April.

The parish council has been contacted by residents expressing concern about the continual flooding on the A259 by Hollis Farm, we were updated at the meeting that ESCC have identified a problem with drains in the road and will be replacing a 250m section. This will mean closing the road to do this but is good news in finally resolving this issue.

The next meeting will be the penultimate one before the elections and will take place on Thursday 7th March, everyone is welcome.

NINFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Monday 18 March, our speaker is Sarah Page who is the local expert on Sussex Trugs and their History. We meet at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall and have a raffle and refreshments. Do join us for an entertaining evening!

On Saturday 23 March, it is the Annual Spring Show in the Memorial Hall. Visitors are welcome to join us for tea and cakes and, of course to view the lovely exhibits from 2.30. We have classes for everyone so do think about entering this year. Schedules with entry details are in the Village Stores and there is help available for new entrants. Do come along to meet your friends and have an enjoyable afternoon.

Info available from Rose 01424 892422 or email: rose.franks1@btinternet.com) or other committee members.

All our meetings start at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall and we always have raffle and refreshments. Do come along. Visitors and new members always welcome.



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HOOE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our thanks to John Cheshire, from Ninfield History Society, for giving us his very interesting talk on Ashburnham Place, in January. Following on from that, Ian Everest visited us with his talk "From the Sussex ox to the Fordson Major" in February. Ian is always a popular speaker wherever he goes and never fails to entertain.

The problem is, who do you get to follow him? Well, how about Geoff Hutchinson with his talk on Rudyard Kipling, another fine speaker. Geoff is due to visit us on Thursday 21st March at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall. Last time Geoff visited us he went out back to change into costume with a few people in the hall and when he came back out he was met with a sea of faces. We are looking forward to another thoroughly entertaining evening with him.

My DID YOU KNOW this time is quite lengthy so I have split it into two. It is a report on games of cricket between Ninfield and Hooe dated Tuesday 5th October, 1858, from the Sussex and Kent Provincial News and is repeated here, as written in the language of the day.

NINFIELD. Cricket. "Set to Verse".

We have received from an unknown correspondent - whom we can only conclude to be Poet Laureate to the Ninfield and Hooe Cricketers - a poetical account of a struggle or struggles between those Clubs. We scarcely know whether to style our correspondent's communication as "heroic" verse, but in order to enable our readers to judge for themselves, we will - though unable to afford space for all - give a verse or two.

Verse 1.

A mach of crickett this year was played
on Ninfeld crickett ground
by Elven Gentelman of Hooe
An Elven of Ninfield town.
Hooe Gentelmen went up in stile
their Oppoants for to beat.
And when the Game was over
they wer Obliedge for to retreat.

Verse II details an adjournment to the "King's Arms," " a good super for to take," and in Verse III the return match is described, wherein -

Seven wicketts the Hooe party were beat
By Ninfield Gents Again.

On this occasion, as we are told in the fourth verse, the "Red Lion" was the evening rendezvous "a good repast to take" - and by the aid of "song and toast," and punch - " which flue and no mistake," the " hour of twelve arrived;"

the Ninfield Gents left in good part,
by wishing Hooe good by.

Unfortunately, however, whether owing to a re-actionary estimate of their own powers or to "potations pottle deep" - things were not fated to pass off so smoothly - and the poet tells us...

To be continued next time.

HOOE PARISH COUNCIL

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Hooe Parish Council is pleased to announce that plans for the proposed village hall have now been received from the architect. All residents are invited to view them on Saturday 9th March at the Community Coffee Morning which is held at the Village Hall starting at 10.30am. Bernard Baker, the architect will be attending also. Please come and look at the plans and discuss your views about the project. Coffee, tea and cakes will be available along with the village library.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Build consensus

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Become a voice for your community?

Ninfield needs new parish councillors, new ideas, new views. You do not need to have previous experience of local government, just a passion for your village and its future. There is no political affiliation, the role of a parish councillor is to listen and represent their local community when discussing council business and working with outside bodies.

For more information, please contact the clerk (Jackie Scarff ninfieldpc@btinternet.com 07725 843505) or speak with one of the current parish councillors.

Time is running out -

With no parish council, all the decision making will revert to external parties, That being the principal authority – usually the District Council- in our case this would mean **Wealden District Council**, with no interest in, or knowledge of, our village.

Take the next step,

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WE NEED YOU NINFIELD NEEDS YOU

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We are not just open to welcome members, husbands and speakers but we had two lovely dogs that were at the centre of our talk in February together with four volunteers from 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People'.

Sally Watson and friends, with Ki, a dachshund/poodle and Meg, a working cocker spaniel, each told their stories of gradual hearing loss causing vertigo, sudden trauma which brought on deafness and born with deafness. All very distressing stories of depression, isolation, missing out on conversation, music, having to register someone to talk on the phone to companies and unable to hear traffic, only some of the unseen problems of deaf people. The dogs are their life savers and their best companions, alerting their owners of alarms and danger with a nudge or an action. The dogs are matched to their would-be owners early on and if they find themselves compatible, the dogs are particularly trained to suit the needs of their owner.

The statistics of deafness is staggering. In 2015 11 million suffered with hearing loss but this is expected to rise by 2035 to 15.6 million which is 1 in 5.

This will be a huge cost to the NHS but comparing a ratio of spending of £19.79 on Cardiovascular treatment, £11.35 on sight related treatment, only £1.11 is proportioned to hearing! Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a charity that has no Government Funding so volunteers are happy to give these talks and offer ideas of how to help. Amazing trainers give a total commitment too, to see that the dogs do a fantastic job to vulnerable people.

Next month, Roger Thomas, will reminisce about his time broadcasting in Hong Kong in his talk 'From Idi Amin to Neddy Seagoon'. Please come along at our regular slot of the second Wednesday afternoon in the month at the Methodist Church Hall in Ninfield.

13th March, Wednesday 2.30 - 4 ish at the Methodist Church Hall

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NINFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

Nothing new to report this month as our meeting took place after this News went to print, full report next month but if you can't wait that long why not come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 20th March at the Working Men's Club, 8.00pm

Worms Eye View

Yesterday was beautiful although cold with a hard frost and a sprinkling of snow and the sun shone brightly all day. Today it is pouring with rain and is windy, big puddles in the road and so dark we need the lights on. But this is February, what can we hope for in March? Among the many sayings for March we have “A peck of March dust and a shower in May, makes the corn green and the meadow all gay” another goes “The March wind causes dust and the wind blows it about.” so beware.

I have recently read that “March birds are best” now I’m not sure what that means, but I think birds are wonderful all year round. They certainly give me a lot of pleasure whether watching them from my window or coming across them in the fields. Now I have realised that there are two robins feeding together on my bird table, which seemed strange at first, because I always understood that robins kept to a boundary and would have fought off any intruders. However I now realise that one had a darker breast and is quite submissive to the one with the lighter red breast, so of course the duller one is a female. I’ll say no more and just wait for some young!

Walking round the fields recently, I could see in the distance a bright white blob sitting on a bank. I walked on but slowly, thinking at first a swan had come back, but no with a careful eye on me the bird stood up on long legs. I could then see it was a heron, who slowly walked into the middle of the field before gracefully taking off and flying away: a lovely sight and it made my day.

Back to reality, March means lambing for us and according to the scanner we are expecting quite a lot of triplets, that will keep me out of mischief, but good weather would be a help.

However remember, “ A windy March foretells a fine May”

Anne

HOOE OPEN GROUP

The ladies of the Hooe Open Group met as usual on the second Friday of the month, at Hooe Village Hall.

Despite the very poor weather a larger than expected number turned up to participate in a relaxing demonstration, based on Yoga, that concentrates on exercising both mind and body.

The demonstration was conducted by Juliet Hammind, who is a Master in the art and practice of controlling both mind and body, with the objective of achieving mind over matter.

To this end Juliet instructed the members in the practice of gentle exercises in achieving the total relaxation through movement and mind.

The members were instructed in achieving these objectives, both physical and mental well being by practising a series of gentle movements, while seated in a kitchen type chair.

The session lasted a total of one hour, with a refreshment break part way through, in order to promote physical well being, which is the objective of Yoga.

At the end of the presentation, there was a feeling of relaxation, plus a few aching joints, which was small, compared with the benefits that can be achieved, by continuing to practice the movements that were so positively demonstrated.

The next meeting of the Club will be on the 8th March and will start at the later time of 2.30pm, now that the days are becoming lighter.

If you would like to join in with a bunch of lively ladies, just come to Hooe Village Hall at 2.30pm on any Second Friday of the month. You will be made most welcome.

For any further information just call Edna Wallis on 01424 842591

NINFIELD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP –

In January we had a very interesting and informative talk about the history and recent development of Newhaven Fort. The next meeting of the Local History Group is on Thursday 21st March, 7.30pm at the Methodist Hall, Church Lane, when John Bishop will give a film show entitled 'A Farmer Moving South'. All welcome.

I'VE BEEN THINKING AGAIN – BY MM

I can't think of anything to talk to you about so I will leave you with my prayer:

Beautiful Lord, creator of all things – everything that is, everything that ever was and everything that ever will be....fill our hearts with your Love.

Forgive us, Holy Father, for the mindless cruelty and destruction we inflict on your world.

You have given us life and also free-will. You have given us a breathtakingly beautiful planet as our home. A home which provides an abundance of everything we need. You have surrounded us with the beauty of plants and animals. You have given us each other as companions with which to share love and friendship and to support each other. You have given us our wonderful pets which bring companionship to so many people.

Father, we abuse these precious gifts and take them for granted. We are rarely content. Our greed for power and possessions creates constant conflict and much suffering.

We treat our lovely Earth as a disposable commodity, destroying the atmosphere, polluting the air, poisoning the water and soil with our chemicals....and then we blame you Lord when our poisons bring us ill health and death.

We are horrifyingly cruel to each other and to the wonderful animals who share this planet with us.

And yet....so many people give their lives to help others. Trying to bring back balance in our world and to overcoming the widespread, greed, anger, self-interest, jealousy and fear.

You made us in your image Father. We have within us incredible abilities to overcome difficulties. We have within us your gifts of peace, strength, joy, wisdom, kindness, gentleness, compassion and most of all....Love.

Oh, Beautiful One, bring us to our senses. Bring us back to the incredible beings that you created in pure Love.

Thy will be done. Amen

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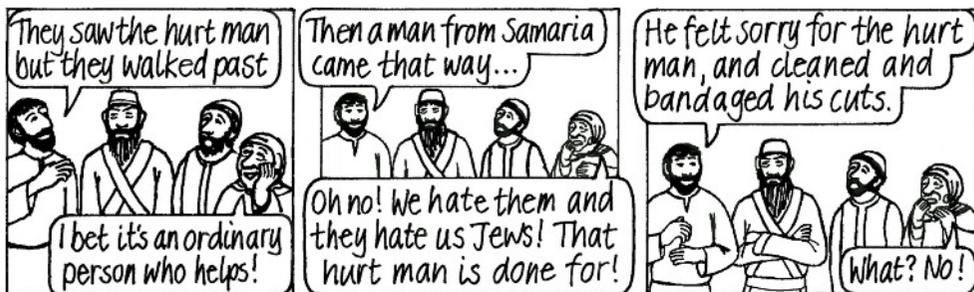
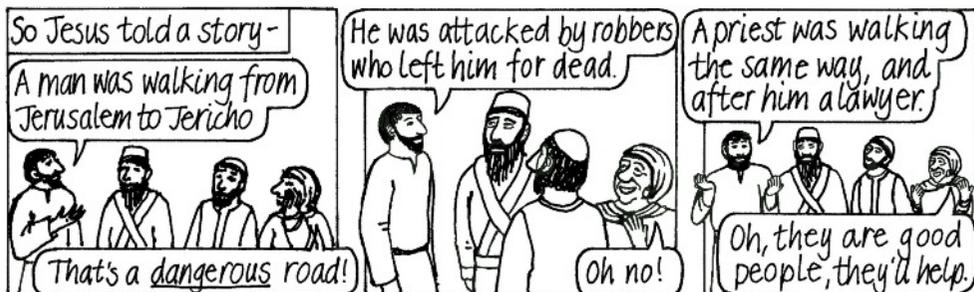
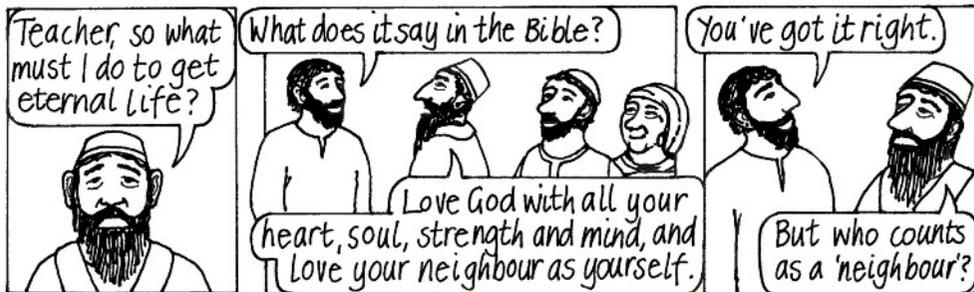
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Sunday Services for March 2019:

3rd 10.30 am Family Café Worship, with breakfast.
10th 10.30 am Worship & Praise with Gillian Lambourne
17th 10.30 am Worship & Communion with Rev. Malcolm Peach
24th 10.30 am Service of Worship & Praise
31st 10.30 am Mothering Sunday Praise with Mrs. Topsy Brice

7th Apr 10.30 am Family Café Worship, with breakfast.

Events for March 2019:

1st 10.00-12noon Book Exchange cafe
12th 7.00 -8.30pm Talking Point 'The N.H.S.'
13th 2.30pm Christian Womens Fellowship
27th 3.30 – 5.30pm Messy Church – 'Jesus changes the world...'

We have an interesting programme of worship & events for March & invite you to come along whenever you can.

Our regular Sunday worship is relaxed & friendly and we are fortunate to have excellent speakers leading our worship-time + some good singing. It is good to worship God.

In March we have another of our series of informal discussion groups when we will look at our experiences of the National Health Service and its care in the community – not to be missed & an opportunity for a church to reflect on community service & action.

Later in the month Messy Church, in preparation for Easter, will focus on 'Jesus changes the world'. Amazing news! Messy Church is open to all ages and last month 27 people came, including 16 young people. We always finish with a meal and a worship celebration.

Please note that the Methodist Circuit publishes a local magazine 'Spotlight' with news from all the churches. /www.hbrmethodists.org.uk/ The Christchurch / Bexhill, & Ninfield Churches issue a monthly Newsletter (available on request). /www.christchurchmethodist.org.uk/

Church Hall Bookings: David Swales 892248

COMING UP OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS,

so make notes in your diary, full details of all of these events will be advertised later. Please, all groups, let us know your plans asap!

Saturday 6 th April	Memorial Hall Quiz
Saturday 11 th April	Village Society AGM
Sunday 14 th April	Ninfield Bowls Club Open Day
Saturday 20 th April	Village Market
Thursday 2 nd May	District and Parish Elections
4 th - 6 th May	Flower Festival, St. Mary's & Methodist Church
Monday 6 th May	May Day Funday – Millennium Woods, Hooe.
15 th & 16 th June	Open gardens event. Hooe.
12 th & 13 th July	Carnival
26 th & 27 th July	Ninfield Music Festival
Sunday 29 th September	Michaelmas Fayre, Hooe
Saturday 12 th October	Bonfire Night

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Weekly Events

Mondays	Hooe - Senlac Bells Ninfield - Archive Centre. Pilates, Badminton,
Tuesdays	Hooe - Hooe Band Ninfield - Cubs; Dancercise
Wednesdays	Hooe - Line Dancing Ninfield - Village Society, Art Group, Tap
Thursdays	Ninfield - Toddlers, Pilates, Beavers, Scouts
Fridays	Ninfield - Crafting, Alternate Fridays, Jo's Jammies & Burlesque

Monthly Events for March

Fri 1 st	Ninfield Book Exchange	P. 6
Mon 4 th	Ninfield Flower Group	P. 7
Tue 5 th	St. Oswald's Pancake Lunch	P. 20
Thu 7 th	Ninfield Parish Council	P. 14
Fri 8 th	Film Matinee HOGS	P. 5 P. 24
Sat 9 th	Hooe Book Exchange Flower Group Jumble Sale	P. 12 P. 7
Tue 12 th	Talking Point	P. 28
Wed 13 th	Closing Date for April News Items Christian Women's Fellowship Carnival Meeting	P. 22 P. 21 P. 10
Sat 16 th	Village Market	P. 7
Mon 18 th	Hooe Parish Council Ninfield Horticultural Society	P. 18 P. 15
Wed 20 th	Bonfire Meeting	P. 22
Thu 21 st	Diamond Celebrations Hooe History Society Ninfield History Group	P. 7 P. 17 P. 24
Sat 23 rd	Horticultural Annual Spring Show	P. 15
Wed 27 th	Messy Church	P. 28

Directory of Groups & Clubs

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