



THE PARISHES OF
St OSWALD'S HOOE
and
St. MARY'S NINFIELD
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 5th January 2020
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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

Today at St. Mary's the Christening of Briony Eve Jennifer Joynes and Noah William Richard Joynes is held during the service.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

St. Mary's:

Wednesday 10.00am ~ Holy Communion

Sunday 10.30am ~ St Mary's and St Oswald's are joining the Methodists at their church in Ninfield for the Annual Covenant Service.

From the Diary

Mon 6th January ~ Ninfield Flower Group AGM

Fri 10th January ~ Hooe Open Group AGM

Sat 11th January ~ Hooe Coffee Morning and Book Exchange

TODAY'S READINGS Epiphany

Collect

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,* because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Second Reading - Ephesians 3.1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see* what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel - Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

Peter Green, Donna Morris, Isaiah Benjamin

RIP Pat Baker

Funeral 10am Monday 6th January at St Oswald's

RIP Susan Pilbeam

Funeral 11.15am Wednesday 8th January at St.Mary's

RIP Joan Fitzgerald

Funeral 12.30 pm on Wednesday 15th January at St. Oswald's

This week we pray for the residents of Cookstown Close, Ninfield, Horsewalk, Hooe and the Dance and Drama club. In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for Sidley Baptist Church and Guy Partridge.

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. The church is closed on Fridays, Saturdays & after the Sunday Service.

St Oswald's is open from 9am to 5pm every day.

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

Collecting for Eastbourne DGH.

Any items for the Weekly Sheet

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By Wednesday 6pm please.