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**PRAYERS & INTENTIONS**

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

Donald Paine, Rebecca Fossett, Linda Bligh,

Don Driver and Cass Chapman.

**RIP:** David Goldsmith

This week we pray for the residents of Lower Street, Ninfield,  
Green Lane, Hooe and Ninfield Horticultural Society.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for the  
St Mark's Church, Little Common and Jonathan Fraiss.

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St Oswald's collect for the Food Bank  
on 1st Sunday of the month

**Any items for the  
Weekly Sheet**

**to**

Nicki Murphy

at

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by

Wednesday 6p.m.

please.

**PRAYER**

*Nick Fawcett*

Loving God, help us, as we worship you,  
to look honestly at ourselves and  
recognise where we fail you, where our  
lives fall short, where our commitment is  
weak, where the harvest is poor.

Come to us afresh, and bring growth in  
grace, fresh shoots of the Spirit, signs of  
new life. In your mercy, nurture our faith,  
so that we might bear fruit for you,  
reflecting your love and living to your  
praise and glory, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**Amen.**



**THE PARISHES OF  
St OSWALD'S HOOE  
and  
St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET~ 8th October 2023**

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

*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**

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

**St. Oswald's**

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



*I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

*(Philippians 3:14)*

## **TODAY'S READINGS      18th Sunday after Trinity**

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 ~ Philippians 3.4b–14**

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss

because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 21.33–end**

'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.