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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,
Cass Chapman and Jane Fuller.

RIP - Anthony Gibbons whose funeral is at St. Mary's
on 20th December at 12 noon.

This week we pray for the residents of Old Ingrams Drive,
Ninfield, Straight Lane, Hooe and Church attendees who live
outside our Parishes.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for St. John's Baptist
Church and Kathy Lee .

N.B. St. Oswald's Church is collecting for the Foodbank
on the first Sunday of the month.

PRAYER *Nick Fawcett*

Father God, just as you sent your servant
John into the wilderness to prepare the way
of the Lord and make ready your people to
receive him, so prepare us now to respond
afresh to the gift of Christ and to all that you
offer us through him. Give us a readiness
truly to listen, learn, worship and respond,
receiving the forgiveness he extends
and the renewal he makes possible, and
giving back in return our heartfelt gratitude
expressed in true commitment and faithful
service. In his name we pray.

Amen.

**Any items for the
Weekly Sheet**

to

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by

Wednesday 6p.m.

please.



**THE PARISHES OF
St OSWALD'S HOOE
and
St. MARY'S NINFIELD**
WEEKLY SHEET~ 10th December 2023



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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

Sunday 3.30p.m. ~ Carol Service

St. Oswald's

Sunday 11.00a.m. ~ Parish Eucharist

St Oswald's Carol Service - Wednesday 13th December at 7.00p.m.

Minibus from Red Lion 6.15, 6.30 & 6.45 and return



*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert
a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:3)*

TODAY'S READINGS 2nd Sunday of Advent

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

First Reading ~ Isaiah 40.1–11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading ~ 2 Peter 3.8–15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" , John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'