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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.

This week we pray for all the residents of
Ninfield & Hooe and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

In the CiTB cycle of prayer we pray for Beulah Baptist Church
and David Lockwood.

Foodbank collection at St Oswald's 7th January 2024

PRAYER *Peter Dainty*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for showing us your greatness in the helplessness of a newborn baby, your glory in the squalor of a cattle shed and your love in a poor peasant family who could find no room at the inn. May we welcome Christ into our lives and learn that real greatness lies in humble service, real glory is wrapped in Holiness and real love shines like starlight, even in the darkest place.
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~ 25th 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.

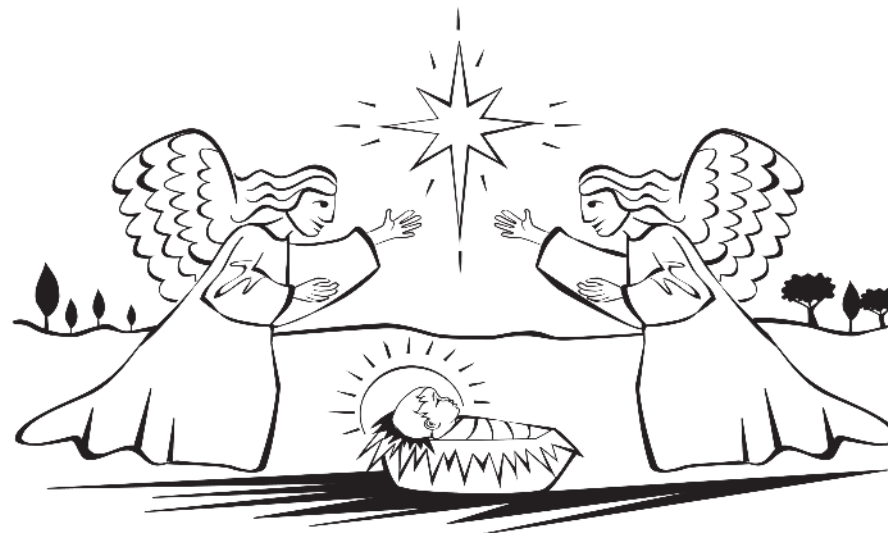
SERVICES NEXT WEEK

St. Mary's

No Service

St. Oswald's

Sunday 10.30a.m. ~ Joint Parish Eucharist



For a child has been born for us, a son given to us. (Isaiah 9:6a)

TODAY'S READINGS CHRISTMAS DAY

Collect

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 9.2–7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Second Reading ~ Titus 2.11–14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 2.1–14 15–20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.