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## PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

Linda Bligh, Cass Chapman, Nick Crawshaw,  
Heather Sinden, Kate Gausden and Tara Waterhouse.

**RIP:** David Lonsdale Formby whose funeral is at  
St Oswald's on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 2.00p.m.

This week we pray for all the residents of  
Cookstown Close, Ninfield, Horsewalk, Hooe  
and St Oswald's Church, Hooe.

In the CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for  
The Society of Friends.

**Any items for  
the  
Weekly Sheet  
to  
Nicki Murphy  
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by  
Wednesday  
6p.m. please.**

**PRAYER** Nick Fawcett

Lord Jesus Christ, hope of your people,  
hope of your world, touch now our lives as  
we gather before you. Shine in our hearts,  
illumine our minds and light up our spirits,  
so that we will grasp more clearly the hope  
you give us in turn: the assurance of your  
love and the joy of life in all its fullness,  
here now and for all eternity.

**Amen.**



THE PARISHES OF  
**St OSWALD'S HOOE**  
and  
**St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 5th January 2025

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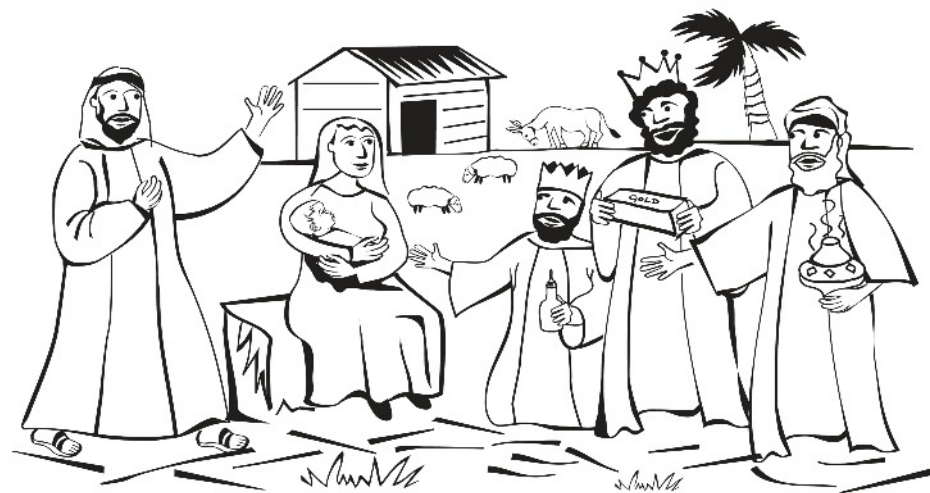
*A warm welcome to everyone, especially any visitors.*

*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

**Sunday 10.30a.m. ~ Joint Parish Eucharist  
at the Methodist Church, Ninfield**



*They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.*

*(Matthew 2:11a)*

## **TODAY'S READINGS Epiphany**

### **Collect**

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 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 Reading ~ 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.