



THE PARISHES OF
St OSWALD'S HOOE
and
St. MARY'S NINFIELD
WEEKLY SHEET ~ 14th February 2021
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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.*

**Due to Lockdown services will not be held in
either of our churches until at least the end of February.**

**St. Mary's is closed but
St. Oswald's is open for Private Prayer every day from
9.00a.m. to 4.30p.m.**



Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. (2 Kings 2:11b)

TODAY'S READINGS First Sunday before Lent

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading - 2 Kings 2.1–12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard

thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4.3–6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading - Mark 9.2–9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

Donna Morris, Isaiah Benjamin, John Proctor, Tracey Perry,
Martin Wood, Val Masterman, Mary Browne and
Brian Miles.

This week we pray for the residents of the Green, Ninfield,
Red Lion Park, Hooe and Ninfield Bonfire Society.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for
Bexhill Street Pastors

Any items for the Weekly Sheet

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by Wednesday 6pm
please.

Prayer

Nick Fawcett

Lord Jesus Christ, however much we think we know you, however clearly we believe we have understood your greatness, open our eyes today to a deeper awareness, fuller picture and yet more wonderful vision of who and what you are. Teach us that our minds can only begin to grasp your glory, at best glimpsing part of the truth, for there is always more to be revealed, more to learn, more to catch our imagination and thrill our souls. Grant then, as we worship you, that your radiance might burst afresh into our lives, so that we might return to the daily routine determined to know, love and serve you better, to the glory of your name.

Amen.