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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

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

Donna Morris, John Proctor, Martin Wood,
Val Masterman, Mary Browne, Donald Paine
and Anthony Gibbons.

This week we pray for residents of Moorland Close, Ninfield,
Red Lion Park, Hooe and the
Churchwardens in both our churches.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for
Bexhill United Reform Church and Terry Jin

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**Any items for the  
Weekly Sheet**

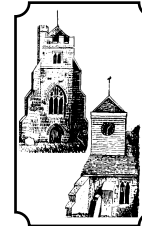
to Nicki Murphy  
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and  
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Wednesday 6pm please.

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Prayer *Nick Fawcett*

Lord Jesus Christ, prepare your way in our hearts and make us ready to worship you. Through our praying, thinking, singing and reading cleanse our thoughts, kindle our faith, renew our commitment and increase our love, preparing your way in our lives, so that we might be ready to love you faithfully and serve you more effectively, to the glory of your name.

Amen.



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

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

St. Mary's

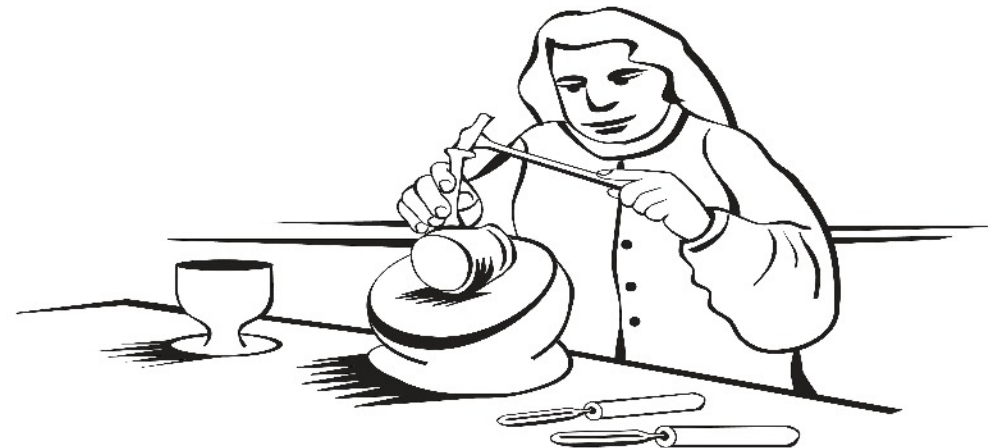
No Service

St Oswald's

Sunday 10.30a.m. ~ Joint Parish Eucharist
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15<sup>th</sup> December St Oswald's 7.00p.m. ~ Carol Service .

19<sup>th</sup> December St. Mary's 3.30p.m. ~ Christingle & Carols



*He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. (Malachi 3:3)*

## 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 ~ Malachi 3.1–4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

### Second Reading ~ Philippians 1.3–11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

### Gospel Reading ~ Luke 3.1–6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '