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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 Ninfield Road, Ninfield,  
Sawpits, Hooe and the  
Sacristans and Servers in both our churches.

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

**Prayer**

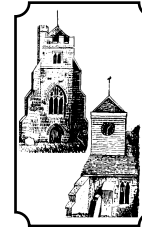
*Nick Fawcett*

Eternal God, we celebrate today the fulfilment of your promises of old through the coming of the Messiah, foretold by the prophets and long yearned for – a Saviour to deliver your people and establish your kingdom, bring freedom, life and new beginnings. We celebrate how wonderfully you honoured those promises in Christ, granting through him more than we can ever ask or imagine. Help us now, as we worship you, to celebrate your faithfulness and to trust you completely for the future, knowing that we can depend on you, come what may, certain that what you have pledged will be accomplished and that nothing can ever separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Any items for the  
Weekly Sheet**

to Nicki Murphy  
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Wednesday 6pm please.

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**THE PARISHES OF  
St OSWALD'S HOOE  
and  
St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET ~ 12th 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**

**Sunday 9.30a.m. ~ Family Eucharist**

**St Oswald's**

**Sunday 11.00a.m. ~ 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. ~ Carol Service



*He will renew you in his love. (Zephaniah 3:17b)*

## TODAY'S READINGS    3rd Sunday of Advent

### Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading ~ Zephaniah 3.14–end

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

### Second Reading ~ Philippians 4.4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading ~ Luke 3.7–18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.