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**PRAYERS & INTENTIONS**

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

Donna Morris, Donald Paine, Simon Pattison,  
Paul Murphy and Rebecca Fossett.

This week we pray for the residents of  
Manchester Road, Ninfield, Church Lane, Hooe and  
Ninfield Health & Wellbeing Group.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for  
St. Barnabas, Bexhill (In vacancy).

**Any items for the  
Weekly Sheet**

**to**

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by

Wednesday 6p.m.

please.

**PRAYER**

*Nick Fawcett*

Help us, as we honour what  
motherhood means, to honour you  
also, recognising that you show the  
same devotion and more, an  
unswerving commitment to your  
children's Welfare, and teach us, as  
part of your family, to respond  
Accordingly, loving you in return,  
expressing our gratitude, and living as  
you have taught us, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**THE PARISHES OF  
St OSWALD'S HOOE  
and  
St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET~ 19th March 2023**

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

*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. ~ Parish Eucharist**  
followed by APCM

**St. Oswald's**

**Sunday 11.00a.m. ~ Parish Eucharist**

**N.B.** St Oswald's is collecting for Food Bank on the  
First Sunday of every month.



*She got a papyrus basket for him . . . she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds  
on the bank of the river. (Exodus 2:3)*

## TODAY'S READINGS

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Mothering Sunday

#### Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 ~ Exodus 2.1–10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

#### Second Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 1.3–7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

#### Gospel Reading ~ Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'