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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, Rebecca Fossett and Linda Bligh.

**RIP** Phil Ringrose

**RIP** Derek Savage whose funeral is at St Mary's on  
Friday 19th May at 12.30pm.

This week we pray for the residents of Ninfield Road,  
Ninfield, Mill Lane Gardens, Hooe and Hooe Parish Council.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for  
Ninfield Methodist Church and Crawford Logan

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

**PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, We pray today  
for our new King Charles III. Grant  
him your peace as he commits  
himself again to your service.  
Give him strength and perseverance  
as he promises to serve us all as  
King. May he know you are walking  
with him day by day. Help him to fulfil  
his vows and promises. May he follow  
the example of Jesus – the ultimate  
King of Kings.

**God bless the King.**

**Any items for the  
Weekly Sheet**

**to**

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by

Wednesday 6p.m.

please.



**THE PARISHES OF  
St OSWALD'S HOOE  
and  
St. MARY'S NINFIELD**  
**WEEKLY SHEET~ 7th May 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 10.30a.m. ~ Joint Parish Eucharist**

**St. Oswald's**

*No Service*

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Christian Aid Week - 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May

Envelopes at the back of church



*I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)*

## TODAY'S READINGS     5th Sunday of Easter

### Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading ~ Acts 7.55–end

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

### Second Reading ~ 1 Peter 2.2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### Gospel Reading ~ John 14.1–14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father?" Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.