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Reverend Hugh's normal working days in the parish are Sundays plus Fridays and Saturdays. Outside these days, please contact a churchwarden. For all enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals please contact a Churchwarden

For inclusion on our parish prayer list, please contact the newsletter editor, or a churchwarden.

If you have items for the next Newsletter, please email to Patsy by 12noon on Thursday
witsend50pat@gmail.com

For up-to-date information and calendar please visit the Church Website:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/stnicholashurst/>

If you have a Facebook account, please follow us on
<https://www.facebook.com/stnicholaschurchhurst/>

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

If you would like to visit the church outside of services, please contact Jenny or Steve for access

We continue to

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE
that the negotiations for a lasting peace may be successful.

We continue to pray for the people of the Holy Land that the God of all justice and peace will hear us as we cry out in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land, and we pray that the ceasefire agreement may hold, enabling people to return to their homes, the release of hostages and the provision of aid and food.

Welcome to the Parish of St Nicholas, Hurst



9th November 2025 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



TODAY'S WORSHIP

The organist at today's service is Keith Dukes

10.45am Parish Communion Service with Acts of Remembrance will be taken by Reverend Hugh, with Discovery zone for children. We welcome members of the Winnersh branch of the Royal British Legion and members of the uniformed organisations to this service.

Offerings at this service will be donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. There are gift aid envelopes in church.

Readings:

James 3.17-18 & 1 John 1.5 (*Wing Cdr Stuart Gregory*)
Matthew 5.1-12 (*Reverend Hugh*)

Hymns

623 Eternal Father strong (Standards and Wreaths)
602 Blessed are the pure in heart
739 Now thank we all our God
579 I vow to thee (Standards and Wreaths collected)
578 God save our gracious King (2 verses)
746 O God our help in ages past (outside, 5 verses)

Collect for today

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

UPCOMING SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS:

November 16th Second Sunday before Advent

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh with
Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

November 23rd Christ the King

9am said Prayer Book Communion led by
Reverend Hugh

11am Messy Church led by the Messy Team

30th November First Sunday of Advent

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh
With Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

This Week's Diary

Tuesday 11th 9.30am Morning Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/91759590557?pwd=cy9TejJLQ09zOXVxSVRZZDZrck1iZz09>

Wednesday 12th 2pm Community Connect at
Chocoholics

Thursday 13th 7.30pm Launch of Friends of St Nicholas

Friday 14th 11.30am Funeral service

Yeldall Manor Newsletter is available now. You are all encouraged to read the opening article "Reluctant holiday maker". It is a remarkable story. It is well worth picking up a copy and taking home to read and sharing with others.

Milk Bottle Tops and Stamps to aid Charities

Don't forget we are still collecting Milk Bottle Tops (in aid of Thames Valley Air Ambulance) and used postage stamps (in aid of Mercy Ships). Please leave items in the containers on the Bread Tomb at the back of church.

Sharon Thomas completed her climb up Kilimanjaro – Africa's highest mountain – for the charity DEBRA. It's not too late to give so click the link below if you wish to help her reach her target.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/sharons-london-marathon-2025?>

We are very pleased to tell you that the work on the Organ is progressing well and we hope it will be completed soon.

This Sunday morning Reverend Graham is leading the Service of Remembrance at St Martin's Chavey Down.

Prayers: We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing; including: Ernest, David, Em, Jan and David, Philip, Patsy, Ellen, Shirley, John and Rev Sandy, Louis, Derek and Peter.

We also pray for all who care for them.

We also remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including: Joan French, Ellen Waldron, Ernest Allum, Ernest Paterson Sr, George Claridge, Winifred Martin, Gemma-Ann Penney, Frank Hutchins, George Ploughman and George Martin.

The funeral service for June Selby will be held here on Friday, 14th November at 11.30am.

Fundraising

The Christmas Fayre

Raffle Tickets are now available.

We will be collecting items for our ever popular hampers and a list for donations is at the back of Church.. If you know of any local businesses who might be able to donate a prize for the raffle or silent auction then please let us know so we can get in touch.

Stalls A rota is at the back of Church. Please sign up to help us Thank you.

Cakes -Nearer the time we will welcome any cake or produce donations for our cake stall.

Table Decorations social event

We will be holding a social evening on Monday 1st December at 7pm at Julia's home for anyone who wants to come along to help make table decorations for the fair. Please put the date in your diary and let Becky know if you would like to attend on beckystnicholas@gmail.com Refreshments will be provided.

Bath & Beauty and Gifts

Boxes are at the back of Church to receive donations for our ever popular Bath & Beauty and Gifts stall Thank you for your support.

A Survey about Sunday Service Times

Traditionally, the Sunday service has always started at 11am but we would like your view on if you would prefer an earlier start time of either 10am or 10.30am. Please complete the tick sheet at the back of the church to give your view.

The Treasurer asks you to support Gift Aid

Many of you generously make a planned donation to the church. The church can claim Gift Aid on donations from individuals that pay tax in the UK at 25p for every £1 donated. We are updating our records, so if you would like to Gift Aid your giving to the church, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form at the back of the church.

Launch of the Friends of St Nicholas

The Friends will be holding their launch evening on Thursday, 13th November at 7.30pm at church. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more about what is happening. Nibbles and wine will also be served!