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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 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



22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S WORSHIP

9am said Prayer Book Communion will be led by Reverend Hugh.

Prayer Book Collect for today

O Lord, for our sake You fasted forty days and forty nights. Give us grace to learn the discipline of abstinence so that our physical body may be subdued to Your Spirit and that we may obey all Your godly influences in righteousness and true holiness, to Your honour and glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

11am Messy Church will be led by the Messy Team with Reverend Hugh, and will feature the gospel parable of the Prodigal Son which can be found in St Luke's Gospel, chapter 15 verses 11-32



Songs:

Give me joy in my heart
I'm accepted, I'm forgiven
This little light of mine
I'm special

Collect (or special prayer) for the beginning of Lent

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

UPCOMING SERVICES AT ST NICHOLAS:

March

1st Lent 2

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

8th Lent 3

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

15th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

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

22nd Lent 5 Passion Sunday

9am Prayer Book Communion led by Rev Hugh
11am Messy Church led by The Messy Team

29th Palm Sunday

11am Parish Communion, procession from churchyard,
led by Rev Hugh
With Discovery Zone for Children in school year 3+

April

2nd Maundy Thursday

8pm Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh

3rd Good Friday

2pm Stations of the Cross

5th Easter Sunday

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

12th Easter 2

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

19th Easter 3

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

26th Easter 4

9am Prayer Book Communion led by Rev Graham
11am Messy Church led by the Messy Team and
Rev Graham

This Week's Diary

Tuesday 24th 9.30am Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday 25th 12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at
The Castle Inn

7.30 Visiting Bell Ringers

Thursday 26th 9.30 Pay Back Team

Friday 27th 10.30am Churchwardens Meeting followed
by CHC Trustees Meeting

Prayers: We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing including: Brenda, David, Em, Jan and David, Philip, Patsy, Shirley, John, and Derek.
We also pray for all who care for them.

We also remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, including: Mabel Gregory, Hazel Fifield, Ernest Kent, Olive Wise, Brendan Barnes, Norma George, Eric Lee, Vic Ferriday, Raymond Stevens, Scott Craig, Sidney Meachen and Harry Lay

We also remember

Thomas James Selby who has passed away.
Please pray for his sister Diane Hogg and her family.

Come and See - Lent Course

Please join us at The Vicarage, Sawpit Road for a 5-week Lent Course. This Lent discover Jesus through the Eucharist. Explore the profound meal at the heart of Christian life - whether you are new to Christianity or have been coming to church for years. Starting on Thursday 26th February at 7.30pm for 5 weeks finishing on Thursday 26th March. Please contact hughstnicholas@gmail.com with any questions.

Stamps and Milk Bottle Tops

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

Fairtrade Easter Eggs

Please see Mary Langdown if you wish to purchase a Fairtrade Easter Egg this year. Look out for the poster in the porch.