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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

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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 March 2026

Palm Sunday

TODAY'S WORSHIP



11am Parish Communion, led by Revd Hugh with Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+. The Palm Procession Assembles in the churchyard from 10.45am. Those not able to take part in the Procession wait in church for the service to begin at 11am

The organist at today's Service is Paul Jackson

Readings:

Palm Procession: Matthew 21.1-11 (Edward Buckingham)

Philippians 2.2-11 (Julia Curnow)

Dramatic Reading: 27.14-27.end **or** Matthew 27-11-54

Hymns:

159 All glory, laud and honour

161 Ride on, ride on in majesty

489 From heaven you came, helpless babe

147 My song is love unknown

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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. **AMEN**

(or)

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **AMEN**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

AMEN

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

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

Monday

Tuesday 31st 9.30am Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Monday 30th 10am-12noon Easter Activity

Wednesday 1st 12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at
The Castle Inn

Maundy Thursday 2nd Maundy Thursday Communion

Good Friday 2-3pm Stations of the Cross

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.

Church Spring Clean Saturday 25th April 9am-12noon.

To do a mix of indoor cleaning and outdoor maintenance. We will be providing pastries and hot drinks throughout the morning

This Sunday Reverend Graham is leading the Palm Procession and Parish Eucharist at St Michael's Easthampstead, as sickness cover for their Rector Gareth.

Prayers: We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing including: Brenda, David, Jane, 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: Peter Smewing, Isabella Gray, Elizabeth Mulley, Margaret Bradford, Marjorie Lee, Ruby Szadowski, Diane Hogsden, Olive Sheldon, Frederick Millard, Margaret Reeves, William Bain, Winifred Adams, Noel Downes and Teresa Warner

Bishop Stephen urges us to pray for the Middle East

"Offer daily prayers for lasting peace in the Middle East this weekend, for our Prime Minister and government, our armed forces and for all those affected by the war." Bp Stephen commends this profound prayer by Bishop Guli of Chelmsford

Ever-loving God, who hears us in our anguish and distress, and longs for us to be free. We pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East, at this time of fear and uncertainty. Be near to those who are anxious; bring comfort to all who are suffering. Guide those with the power to make decisions, and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation: that people of goodwill would seek harmony and reconciliation. Join us with our Christian brothers and sisters in all places, in praying for peace with justice, through him who is the prince of peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Parish's Electoral Roll is now open.

The notice is on the noticeboard by the front door and there are forms for anyone wanting to join the roll. If you need any additional information please speak to Electoral Roll Officer, Lynn Jeggo or the Churchwardens.

Christian Aid Walk

Walk 5 or 10 miles in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside and raise money to transform lives with Christian Aid. On Saturday 26th April Start between 9am and 12 midday from Bix Village Hall, Rectory Lane between Henley & Nettlebed. The postcode has caused confusion but google maps does respond to 'Montessori School Bix' which happens during the week in the Village Hall. Get sponsored for walking for Christian Aid or make a donation on the day.

For more information contact: Rosemary on rosemaryacroft@gmail.com or 07749 06482

We are looking for two people to join our team

1 A safeguarding Administrator

2 A PCC Secretary

If you would like to find out more about these roles, please send an email to beckystnicholas@gmail.com

Easter Activity Morning on Monday 30th March @ 10am -12noon fun easter crafts, refreshments, and easter egg hunt. Just £2 per child.