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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

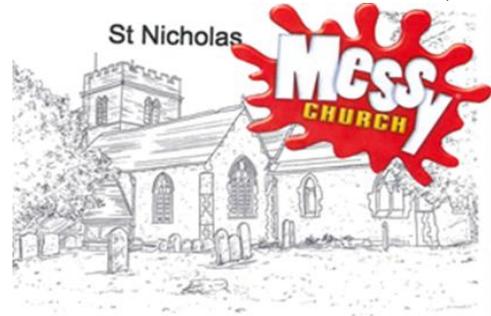
If you would like to visit the church outside of services, please contact Jenny or Steve for access

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 March 2026
Passion Sunday
TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

Prayer Book Collect for today

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



11am Messy Church will be led by the Messy Team with Reverend Hugh, and will follow the theme of The Courage to follow Jesus from Matthew 26:17-19 & 36-45

Songs

Be bold, be strong
When a Knight won his spurs
This little light of mine
Be strong and courageous

Prayer for today

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

March

29th Palm Sunday (*Clocks go forward 1 hour*)

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

Monday 23rd 7.30pm PCC Meeting (Parish Room)

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

Thursday 26th 9.30am Pay Back Team

6.30pm Lent Group at the Vicarage.

Friday 27th 10.00am School Easter Service

1.30pm Funeral Service

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.

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: Esther Varney, George Hayes, Erika Smith, Belle McCarthy, Noel Langton, Kathryn Brown, Barbara Johnson, Ken Savory, Richard Alexander, and Stanley Sheasby

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 rosemaryacraft@gmail.com or 07749 06482