

## PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

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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](mailto: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



15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent



### TODAY'S WORSHIP

**11am Parish Communion**, led by Revd Hugh with the Baptism of Toby Baird We welcome his family and friends  
Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

**The organist at today's Service** is Stephen Olowomeye

#### Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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)

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

#### Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

#### Readings:

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

or Colossians 3:12-17 (Barbara Stephenson)

Luke 2:33-35 or John 19:25b-27 (Reverend Hugh)

#### Hymns:

537 For the beauty of the earth

692 Jesus, good above all other

510 Will you come and follow me

652 Guide me O thou great Redeemer

## **March**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Lent 5 Passion Sunday**

9am Prayer Book Communion led by Rev Hugh

11am Messy Church led by The Messy Team

### **29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

11am Parish Communion, procession from churchyard, led by Rev Hugh

With Discovery Zone for Children in school year 3+

## **April**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday**

8pm Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday**

2pm Stations of the Cross

### **5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**

11am Parish Communion led by Rev Hugh

### **12<sup>th</sup> Easter 2**

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

### **19<sup>th</sup> Easter 3**

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

### **26<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Zoom Morning Prayer

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** 12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at The Castle Inn

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** 6.30pm Lent Group at the Vicarage.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Youth Club in the Scout Hut

### **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.

**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 Rowe, Vivian Mace, Violet Smewing, Reginald Parnell, Vi Albon, Hetty O'Halloran, Trevor Knights, William Nzovu, Joan Niven, and Molly Fencott

### **Come and See - Lent Course**

Please join us at The Vicarage, Sawpit Road for a 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. On Thursday evenings beginning at 6.30pm. The last one will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact [hughstnicholas@gmail.com](mailto:hughstnicholas@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rosemaryacroft@gmail.com) or 07749 06482