

## 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



**1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**11am Parish Communion**, including the Baptism of Beatrix Rose, led by Revd Hugh with Discovery Zone for children in school year 3+

**The organist at today's Service** Keith Dukes.

Voluntary today will be "Rhosymedre" from 3 Preludes based on Welsh hymn tunes by Ralph Vaughan Williams

### Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN (or)**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

### Readings:

Romans 4:1-5 & 13-17 ( Jo Penney)

Matthew 2:1-12 (Rev Hugh )

### Hymns:

652 Guide me O thou great Redeemer

372 Kyrie eleison

373 Purify my heart

713 Lord of all hopefulness

818 To God be the glory

## **March**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Lent 3**

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

### **15<sup>th</sup> Lent 4 Mothering Sunday**

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

### **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 with  
Discovery Zone for children in school year 3 +

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 11am Messy Meeting at The Castle

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** 12noon Story Chair in St Nicholas  
School led by Rosemary and Jenny

12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at The Castle Inn

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** 11am CHC Business Meeting at The Castle

**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: Nellie Langley, Kay Pouncey, Francis Barnett, Margery Newberry, Harry Josey, Joy Wickens, Maureen Richmond, John Allen and Terry Hammond

**We also remember** a former Lay Reader and Priest. Patsy and Graham ask for your prayers for our very dear friend Rev Sandy Dutton whose funeral is on Tuesday. Please pray for her sons Tim and Neal, and their families and friends, and all her former parishioners who give thanks for her pastoral and prayerful ministry.

### **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 for 4 the next weeks, finishing on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact [hughstnicholas@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **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.

### **A Collect for St David's Day**

"Almighty God, who called your servant David to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries for the people of Wales: in your mercy, grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ, we may with him receive the crown of everlasting life; 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."**