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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.
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

8th March 2026
Third Sunday of Lent
TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

The organist at today's Service is Paul Jackson

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent
Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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)
Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Post Communion Prayer
Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Readings:

Romans 5:1-11 (Edward Buckingham)
John 4:5-42 (Reverend Hugh)

Hymns:
696 Jesus, where're thy people meet
372 Kyrie eleison
127 Lord Jesus, think on me
428 Body broken for our good
739 Now thank we all our God

March

15th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday
11am Parish Communion with Baptism of Toby Baird 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 10th 9.30am Zoom Morning Prayer
https://zoom.us/j/91759590557?pwd=cy9TejJLQ09zOXVxSVRZZDZrck1iZz09
8pm Deanery Synod at St Sebastian's
Wednesday 11th 12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at The Castle Inn
Thursday 12th 9.30am Community Payback
6pm Lent Group at the Vicarage.

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: Sarah Weller, John McLeish, Roy Dobson, Josette Green, Maurice Martin, Margaret Trutwein, Florence Miles, Masis Hovsepian, Colin Millard and Doreen Millard

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 26th March. Please contact 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. 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