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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



12th April 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 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

Readings:

Acts 2:14a & 22-32 (Barbara Stephenson)

John 20:19-31 (Rev Hugh)

Hymns:

194 Alleluia! Alleluia! hearts to heaven

Gloria from Service Book

217 The strife is o'er, the battle won

211 Now is eternal life

667 I danced in the morning

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

(or)

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **AMEN**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

April

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

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3rd Easter 5

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

10th Easter 6

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

17th Sunday after Ascension

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

24th Pentecost

9am Said Communion led by Rev Hugh
11am Messy Church Led by the Messy Team
1pm Baptism

31ST Trinity

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

This Week's Diary

Tuesday 14th 9.30am Zoom Morning Prayer

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

11am Messy Meeting at The Castle Inn

Wednesday 15th 12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at The Castle Inn

Friday 17th 7.30pm 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.

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 supporting two other parishes in in our Deanery of Sonning with Post Easter leave cover for their incumbents. He is at the 9.30am Parish Mass at St Paul's Wokingham for Father Sam, and at the 11am Parish Eucharist at St Catherine's Bearwood for Reverend Patrick.

Prayers: We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing including: Carol, 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: Otto Gray, Stephen Mponda, Brigitte Hutchins, Thelma Searle, Jack Hull, and Brian Kingsnorth

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