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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/>

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CHURCH OPENING TIMES

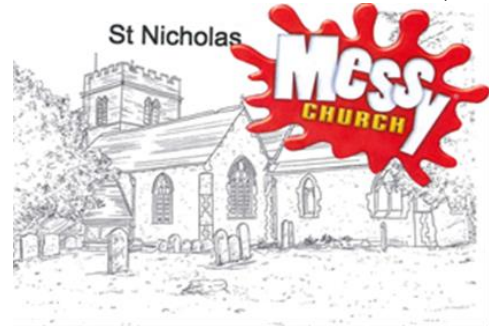
If you would like to visit the church outside of services, please contact Jenny or Steve for access

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



26th April 2026

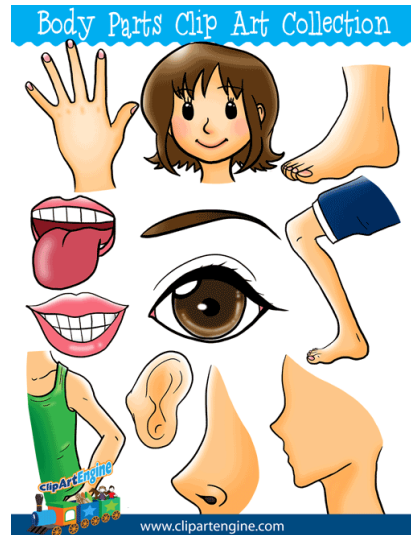
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

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 Graham, and will follow the theme of Community: a home for all. This is based in 1 Corinthians 12.12-27



Songs

I will bend down and touch my knees
The Body Song
One more step along the world I go

Prayer for today

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

MAY

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 with Baptism 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 28th 9.30am Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday 29th 12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at The Castle Inn

7.45pm Quarter Peal

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.

Organ Recital - Date for your diary

On Saturday 6th June at 7pm we will be hosting an organ recital with Friends of St Nicholas to raise funds for organ repairs. There will be 5 wonderful organists all performing and a licensed bar. Please put the date in your diary.

Tickets to be on sale soon.

Prayers: We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing including: Carr, Carol, 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: Nora Sellwood, Joseph Jewitt, Vera Crouch, Denis Drake, Howard Larkin, Monica Westlake, Elsie Phipp, Alice Wilson, Lilian Rollason, Matthew Smith, Jonah Mitchell, George Yarnell, Barbara Jeffries, David Langton, Joe Mulley and Christine Johnson.

We also remember Brenda Jamieson, who died this week and pray for her husband Mark and all who knew her.

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.

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

Village Picnic Cake Sale

On Sunday 17th May we will be holding a cake sale at the Village Picnic in the Orchard. If you are able to supply any homemade cakes we would really appreciate it (please include a full list of ingredients). Please also let us know if you can help at all between 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Many thanks.

APCM and Election of Churchwardens

The annual APCM and meeting for election of Churchwardens will take place on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm in St Nicholas Church.

If you wish to stand as a Churchwarden, a member of the PCC or Deanery Synod please complete a nomination form and M5 Fit and Proper persons form and return to Rebecca Vaughan or Hugh Thomas by 17th May 2026. (Forms can be found at the back of Church).