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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

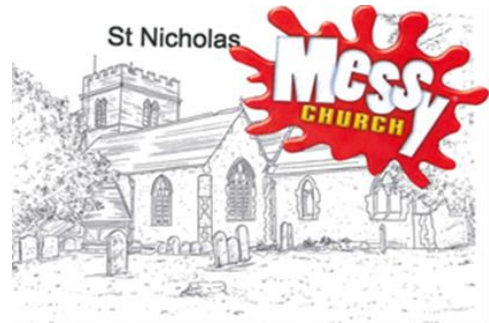
If you would like to visit the church outside of services, please contact Jenny or Steve for access

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



24th May 2026

PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) TODAY'S WORSHIP

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

Prayer Book Collect Whit Sunday

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

11am Messy Church will be led by the Messy Team, and will follow the theme of **Power of Jesus (Pentecost)**, and is based on the reading In Acts chapter 2, verses 1-21



Songs

Hosanna
Colours of Day
This little light of mine
The spirit lives to set us free

A Prayer for today

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

MAY

31ST Trinity

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

June

7th First Sunday after Trinity

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

14th Second Sunday after Trinity

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

21st Third Sunday after Trinity

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

28th June No Service Hurst Show

This Week's Diary

Tuesday 26th 9.30am Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday 27th 12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at The Castle Inn

Friday 29th 11am Interment of Ashes

Saturday 30th 12.30pm Wedding

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.

St Sebastian's Nine Mile Ride have asked the Deanery to circulate the following invitation:

INVITATION

Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller History Month is celebrated every June in the UK to honour the rich cultural heritage, history, and contributions of these communities while raising awareness about their experiences and challenges.

An event of celebration will be held at: St Sebastian's Church, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham RG40 3AT.

Friday 12th June @ 7.30pm We shall be screening the "Crystal Vardo" drama, invite speakers to share stories, have refreshments and prayers. We hope you and your families can join us

Prayers: We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing including: Carol, David, Em, 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 John Tilsan, Reginald Priest, Phyllis Martin, Barbara Barnes, Tom Sherwood, Theresa Storry, Nellie Diver, Linda Hurst, Raymond Hurst, Ada Collick, Bertie Bishop, Henry Harrison, baby Eleanor Follett, Charles Hopwood and Percy Bishop.

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.

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 available from

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/organrecitalforfriendsofstnicholas>.