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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



3rd May 2026

FIFTH 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 Richard Seaton, whom we welcome back to Hurst.



Stoning of Stephen, the first martyr Acts.7

Readings:

Acts 7:55-end (Jo Penney)

Luke 14: 1-14 (Rev Hugh)

Hymns:

203 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Gloria from Service Book

212 Now the green blade rises

209 Love's redeeming work is done

218 Thine be the glory

Collect for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**

MAY

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+

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 4th 9.30am Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday 5th 12noon Story Chair in school led by Rosemary and Jenny

12.30pm Hurst Friendship Group at The Castle Inn

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.

The Electoral Roll closed on 24th April and the new roll for 2026/2027 was published on 30th April 2026

This Sunday Reverend Graham is providing vacancy cover at 9.30am Parish Communion at Holy Trinity Church, Bracknell

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: Edith Covers, Donald Elliott, Ellen Prouten, Robert Mason, Jack Varney, Bill Carnell, Leonard Curtis, John Say and Earnest Walter

We also remember Bishop Richard Harries who died on Wednesday and pray for him, his wife and family.

Brenda Jamieson, who died last 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).