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CHURCH OPENING TIMES

If you would like to visit the church outside of services, please contact Steve or Barbara (Churchwardens) for access

We continue to PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE After this week's devastating bombing of Kiev by Russia. We pray that negotiations for a lasting peace may be successful.
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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



16th August 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15) TODAY'S WORSHIP

11am Parish Communion. This is the last Sunday that Reverend Graham will be leading worship at St Nicholas. He wants to thank all of those who have extended their welcome, friendship and prayers to him and to Patsy since they started coming to Hurst over 15 years ago.

The organist today is Stephen Olowomeye

Readings:

Psalm 67 (Sharon Thomas)

Matthew 13. 1-9&18-23 (Reverend Graham)



Hymns:

223 All hail the power of Jesu's name

415 Glory in the highest

494 I, the Lord of sea and sky

212 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

584 All my hope on God is founded

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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)

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

August

(Rosemary will not be running 'Discovery Zone' in August)

23rd August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9am Said Communion

(This is a change to previously published details, no 11am Communion)

30th August Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Communion

This Week's Diary

Tuesday 18th 9.30am Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday 19th

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.

Rosemary asks those who donate used postage stamps to trim them leaving a narrow border around them. She sends them off by post and this will reduce bulk. Thank you.

Reverend Graham thanks our organists.

We have no regular organist at Hurst, so since 2016 Reverend Graham has arranged the rota of Organists, and, with Patsy's help, proposed the hymns for each Sunday, That's over 500 Sundays plus Festivals and special occasions.

Last week Graham wrote to all the organists who have helped us. He thanked them for their cooperation and skill, which has enabled us to maintain a good standard of organ music, both for the hymns and before, during and after our services. This has made a huge difference to the quality of our worship.

Over the years there were some 19 organists, plus Don Hickson who has sadly passed on, who have responded positively to his requests. He was staggered that there is so much organists' talent accessible to Hurst, and it has been a privilege to enjoy their music.

So, with this end to an era at Hurst, Graham wanted to underline how important their cooperation and skill has been during this period. He also wished them well with their music and their futures. (A number of them have moved out of the area, one to Japan!)

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: Henry Child, Ray Hensley, Margaret Phillips, Jack Morgan, Douglas Birkett, Marian Rees, Kenneth Hart, Mabel Leach and Edith Britten.

Bishop Stephen urged 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 commended 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.***

Parish Sunday Newsletter

This week will be the last newsletter that I will be sending out. We have done it since Advent Sunday 2021, when Hurst was part of the combined Benefice with Ruscombe and Twyford.

If anyone would like to take it over, please contact me for more details. Thank you.

Patsy Theobald