

# Benefice of Ruscombe & Twyford with Hurst

Shaped, trusting, growing in Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit

Sundays 18th and 25th February 2024  
Candlemas, Sunday next before Lent & Ash Wednesday

## St Mary's Twyford;

## St Nicholas' Hurst

18th Feb 10.30am	<b>Holy Communion (Revd Helen Charlton)</b> Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:13- 27	18th Feb 11.00am	<b>Holy Communion (Revd Marina Brain)</b> 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
22nd Feb 10.30am	<b>Midweek Communion St M Church Centre (Revd Graham Theobald)</b>		
25th Feb 10.30am	<b>LEP Service (Revd Liz Jackson)</b> Genesis 17:1-7 Mark 8:31-end	25th Feb 11.00am	<b>Messy Church</b> 

## St James' Ruscombe

## Twyford U.R.C.

18th Feb 9.00am	<b>Morning Prayer (Alan Gywnn)</b> Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:13- 27	18th Feb 10.30am	<b>Holy Communion (Revd Gordon Connell)</b>
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## Church Family News

### St James' Ruscombe volunteers

We are appealing to the whole parish to provide some much needed help at St James' church services. Why not come along to a service and see if you would like to help out as a reader, server or sidesperson? If you could offer assistance just occasionally, it would be a great help - many hands make light work!

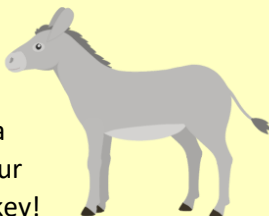


### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

There are lots of interesting themes for our Spring and Summer services.

#### Palm Sunday at St Nicholas' Hurst:

We will be celebrating Jesus' entry to Jerusalem on a donkey with our very own Ponkey!



**Superheroes of the Bible**



February 25th - Elijah  
March 24th - Palm Sunday (no Messy)  
April 28th - Ruth  
June 23rd - Moses  
July 28th - Andrew

**Join us at 11am on the 4th Sunday of the month at St Nicholas' Hurst**

### Family Services

**growing**



March 3rd - Growing in Spirit  
April 7th - Growing in Fur & Feathers  
May 5th - Growing in Love  
June 2nd - Growing in Pride  
July 7th - Growing in Discipleship  
**Join us from 10am for toast and a cuppa on the 1st Sunday of the month at St Mary's Twyford**

**TEACH**  
encourage  
instruct  
**MENTOR**  
PRAISE  
influence  
**GUIDE**  
INSPIRE

### Nurture the Next Generation - you can make a difference!

We are looking for people to support our children and young people in their journey exploring and developing their Christian faith at Trailblazers during the 10.30am Sunday service at St Mary's Twyford.

When? Trailblazers usually runs on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every month.

# Prayer



We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:

Judy, Steven, Chris, Lizzy, Ted, Eldred, Peter, Joan, Clara, Sharon, John, Tony and Anne.

*Please email or ring the church office to be included in this section.*

## Start of Lent: Waiting in darkness

*Lord, grant us the faith to wait together in darkness and uncertainty – for it is there we will find you. May we come to know you this Lent in ways we have not yet discovered or even imagined. Amen.*

Church of England WatchAndPray Lent reflections

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**LEP Steering Group Meeting:** Monday 19th February 8.00pm at Twyford URC Schoolroom

**4x4 Adventures:** Monday February 19th and 26th from 7.45-9.15pm at St Mary's Church Centre.

**TOTS on Tuesdays:** Tuesday 20th February 10.00-11.30am at Twyford URC Hall - Year of the Dragon crafts.

**Over 60s Club:** Wednesday 21st February 1.45pm at St Mary's Church Centre - AGM & Silver Time Estate Planning.

**Midweek Communion:** Thursday February 22nd 10.30am at St Mary's Church Centre.

**Friendship Club:** Tuesday 27th February 1.45pm Twyford URC Schoolroom - Gardens of Cornwall (Jean Sheppard)

**ZOOM:** We have 2 regular weekly zoom events: Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer and Sunday 6pm Village Prayers. Please use the link in the weekly email or contact the church office for more information.

On 31st January 2024 we received notification from The Church of England, Church Commissioners of the scheme proposed to create a new benefice of Hurst and a new benefice of Ruscombe and Twyford. In practical terms that means that St Nicholas Church, Hurst will exist as a standalone parish not as part of the joint benefice of Ruscombe and Twyford with Hurst. If there are no objections by midnight on 27th February, the scheme is likely to go ahead and will be in place before Easter. The formal notice has been posted on the front door. This is the announcement to be made for services in the next few weeks: <https://www.churchofengland.org/consultation/ruscombe-and-twyford-hurst>.

## Next Week: Sunday 3rd March - Third Sunday of Lent

### St Mary's Twyford

10.30am **Family Service (Revd Helen Charlton)**

### St Nicholas' Hurst

11.00am **Holy Communion (Revd Canon Richard Lamey)**

### St James' Ruscombe

9.00am **No Service**

### Twyford U.R.C.

10.30am **Morning Service**

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