

St Nicholas Compton

April 2024

Greetings!

Happy Eastertide!

Eastertide is a glorious season as we explore resurrection stories and enjoy the wonders of God's creation as spring bursts forth.

It offers the opportunity to integrate the passion of Lent & the glories of Easter Day into our everyday lives... **Maybe the Lenten theme of 'Watch & Pray' could be carried forward if we choose to rest & wait on God and focus on 'being' as well as 'doing' this month...**

In our church life, we'll be holding our **APCM** after the service on Apr 28 – please see overleaf for more details.

In the village there are also some new beginnings – the **Village Club has reopened for 2 nights a week, so please do support it if you can.** And this has been made possible by **Giggleville, a new soft play café** for families with young children, who are renting part of the club premises. It looks great and is proving so popular they are asking people to book rather than just turn up!

And then of course, it's nearly time for the **village fete**. We'll be hosting the **usual cake stall** – **please see Carole or Bob if you can help** – plus **Fledglings (see Catherine or Mike)** and other stalls that you're involved with.

As ever, thank you so much for all that you are and all that you do,

Blessings, Rev Sally

What's On in April

Apr 3	Wed	10:30 BCP	
Apr 7	Sun	10.30am	No Muddy Church
		18:30	Evensong
Apr 14	Sun	10:30 Holy Communion	
Apr 21	Sun	10:30 Holy Communion	
Apr 28	Sun	10:30 Holy Communion followed by APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)	

May 5	Sun	10:30 Muddy Church	



Regular Events

Muddy Church – No Muddy Church this month because of school Easter holidays. Restarts Sun 5 May – normally 1st Sunday each month. A space for all for wandering & wondering with God.

Our Toddler Group, Fledglings. All welcome at Pucks Oak Barn on Monday mornings in term time. **Restarts Apr 15.** Contact fledglingscompton@gmail.com

Inside Out meets Sat 6 Apr 10am-12 noon & Sat 4 May to keep the church & churchyard looking good. Contact stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com

Bell Ringing Practice Morning practice once or twice a month on Tuesdays at 10am. We ring on Sundays from 10.00 – 10.30am. Contact phil.gorton@btinternet.com

If you would like **someone to pray for you or with you**, please contact our **Rector Sally** on stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com Confidences will be respected.

Date for your Diary

APCM – April 28 after the morning service

Please come if you can as we celebrate all that God has done for us, with us & through us during the last year. We'll also be thanking people for their ministries and electing wardens & members of the PCC – there is still time to stand if God is calling you to these roles.

Welcoming the stranger

How do we welcome those who are visiting our church? Our Welcomers do a fantastic job on Sundays, but **how do we welcome those who are visiting the church during the week when we're not there to say hello in person?** The pilgrims, the walkers, the grave visitors, the historians, the lichenologists, those looking for peace or solitude away from a busy world?

We'll be exploring ideas over the next few months – looking at signage in the church, how we can highlight our history and ensuring everyone who enters the church knows not only that this has been a place of prayer and worship for over 1000 years but leaves knowing a little more about Jesus and our Christian faith.

If you have any ideas, please do email Sally or Sarah. Snacks for walkers? A prayer 'tree' for visitors to add prayers? Dog bowls? Comfy cushions? A changing mat? No ideas are too big or too small.

We'll also be **developing our own church website** so that we can spread the word about St Nicholas, link into sites offering Pilgrim walks and highlight the events and activities that take place here. **If you have any photos for the website** (with permission from those featured) please email Sarah stnicholascompton.office@gmail.com

In April we pray for ...

Our Parish: Those living in Eastbury Lane, Eastbury Barn and The Street

Our Community: The Village Club, Giggleville, and older members of the community, esp those living alone and those resident at Robertsons

Among our local churches: St John the Evangelist, Farncombe

Those in particular need: Richard D, Sally G, Stephen, those caring for others, known personally to us, & known only to God.

RIP: we pray for the family and friends of Jo Dix

Our Vision for 2024: Deeper Wider Greener

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3:17-18

In a slight adaption of the apostle Paul's words, two strands to our vision continue to emerge with another one interwoven between them, summed up by deeper, wider, greener. Look out for how this is embedded in our church activities and actions...

Ways to contact the church

Would you like us to pray for you? God hears you, but it is good to know you have other people who care, joining with you! Phone us, email us, or ask someone to pass a message on. A first name is all we need and confidences are ALWAYS respected.

Would you like to speak to or pray with a priest?

Revd Sally Buddle 07778 681664

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Key contacts

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