

St Nicholas Compton

May 2024



Greetings!

Happy Eastertide & Pentecost!

As May unfolds and we enter the season of Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit being poured out on all people. In the dramatic events of that first Pentecost, when the bewildered and excited disciples ran out into the streets of Jerusalem, they had one purpose in mind: to share the good news about Jesus Christ everywhere they went.

The Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and God was born in our world; the Holy Spirit descended upon the gathered disciples and the Church was born. Today, the Holy Spirit descends upon us as we choose to become Jesus' disciples and transforms & sanctifies us as we serve and follow Christ.

We believe that the Holy Spirit unites us with Christ, so just as Jesus came to show us how to live, we are called to be the example of Christian love to our brothers and sisters. Just as Jesus was rooted in Scripture and its life-giving words for us, we are called to do the same. Just as Jesus reached out to the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned – we are called to reach out to those in most need in our world today. In short, we are called to be that presence of Christ, the Body of Christ, in the world today.

So, may God richly bless you and fill you with His Spirit this Pentecost,

Blessings, Rev Sally

What's On in May

May 1	Wed	10:30	BCP
May 5	Sun	10.30	Muddy Church <i>Pentecost</i>
		18:00	Evensong
May 12	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion
May 18	Sat Afternoon		Village Fete
May 19	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion Pentecost
May 26	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion

Jun 2	Sun	10:30	Muddy Church <i>Jonah & the whale</i>

Regular Events

Muddy Church A space for all for wandering & wondering with God on 1st Sunday each month

Our **Toddler Group, Fledglings**. All welcome at Pucks Oak Barn on Monday mornings from 9.30am in term time. **No meetings on May 6 or May 27**. Contact fledglingscompton@gmail.com

Inside Out meets **Sat 4 May 10am-12 noon** & Sat 1 Jun 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

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals Please contact our Rector Sally if you would like to mark a family milestone at St Nicholas.

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.

Wars & Rumours of Wars...

Today we are all too aware of the many tragedies of war unfolding across our world. From Ukraine, Gaza, Yemen & Iran to many others we know less about, our world is in turmoil. So, it seems appropriate to reflect on the actions of one member of our congregation, Richard Dunning, who in the face of the terrible suffering of war, chose instead to promote peace. You can read more about the Lochnagar Crater & Foundation here

<https://www.lochnagarcrater.org/peace-and-reconciliation/>

with its aim of being an international movement to help heal the inherited and emotional wounds of war, for those wishing to channel their compassion into innovative action.

We today cannot affect the world, or nations, or millions of people. But together, we can each do something positive that affects our world and the world of those around us. We now invite you to make a personal commitment to those around us – our families, our friends, our workplaces and our communities.

The Lochnagar Promise for Peace

In Remembrance of all those who have suffered in conflict, and of those who are suffering still,

may we live our lives today with more Compassion and Kindness,

Understanding and Forgiveness, Reconciliation and Unity.

Let us now, in their honour, wage Peace.'

In May we pray for ...

Our Church: Fledglings - please pray that we would witness to God's heart for parents and carers of young children, and his heart for his creation and the care of it.

Our Parish: Those living in Fowlers Croft, Mark Wy, Angel Ct & The Dalbys

Our Community: Compton Village Association and the Village Fete

Our local churches: SS Peter & St Paul, Godalming; St Mark, Ockford Ridge

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

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?

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