

Our Vision for 2023: 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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St Nicholas Compton



November 2023

Hi Everyone,

Over the next few weeks, we have several special services/events to which everyone is welcome- *please invite your friends...*

Remembrance Sunday - Sun 12 Nov 10.30am

You are warmly invited to join us at for a service in church, including two minutes silence, followed by wreath-laying at the war memorial.

Celebration of New Door - Sun 19 Nov 3pm

Do join us for drinks & nibbles to celebrate the opening of our new North Door. The new door offers much needed level access to the church via the path from Eastbury Manor plus a shorter route to the loos! Thank you so much to everyone who gave funds towards this project.

Advent Carol Service - Sun 26 Nov 6pm

An opportunity for reflection using traditional music as we prepare for the special season of Advent.

Christingle Service - Sun 3 Dec 4pm

All-age interactive fun including making a Christingle, singing and celebrating Jesus, light of the world.

With grateful thanks to all of you who will be working extra hard to make these services/events a success,

Prayers and blessings, *Rev Sally*

What's On in November

Wed 1 Nov	10.30am	BCP Holy Communion
Thurs 2 Nov	8am	All Souls Service (Watts Chapel)
Sun 5 Nov	10.30am	Muddy Church
	6 pm	Evensong
Sun 12 Nov	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday service
Sun 19 Nov	10.30am	Holy Communion
	3pm	Celebration for new North Door
Sun 26 Nov	10.30am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Advent Carol Service

Sun 3 Dec	4pm	Christingle Service
Wed 6 Dec	evening	Patronal festival (St Nics, G'ford)

Regular Events

Muddy Church - every 1st Sunday (In December Muddy Church meets at Christingle – please note 4pm start.)

Our Toddler Group, Fledglings. Please invite new families to join us at Pucks Oak Barn on **Monday mornings in term time.** Contact fledglingscompton@gmail.com

Small Groups: Most weeks on Wed mornings and Thurs evenings. Please contact Sally if you would like to be part of one of these...

Inside Out meets **Sat 4 Nov & Sat 2 Dec 10am-12 noon** & every 1st Saturday to keep the church & churchyard looking good – do put the dates in your diary! 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

Prayers of Lament

When we go through difficult times, or when we feel powerless in the face of what's happening in the world, turning to God, rather than away from him, helps our hearts and minds grapple with the pain we experience.

In our small groups, we've been reflecting on prayers/psalms of lament and challenging each other to use their structure (address, complaint, request, expression of trust) to help us pray about the current situation in Israel & Gaza. So, here's a poignant prayer of lament, offered with Richard's permission, that does just that...

- *My God, my God, how has it come to this? On Your holiest of ground, the same land where You sent your Son to teach us love, we show only hate.*
- *Please guide our impure heart, not just to comfort those before us who are suffering, but to those, in our increasing fear and confusion, we oppress and push away.*
- *Amidst the ever-growing clamour of words and war, let us hear clearly what Christ has told us. And in doing so, may we stand beside and shield the weak and innocent and draw ever closer to those we despise and call our enemy.*
- *Please let us now love each of them, as You love them, & see their hurt through Your eyes & hear their pain as You hear the cries of Your children. And forsaking our silence, to know the only answer, as always, is for each of us to share Your truth.*

In November we pray for ...

Our Monthly Charity: British Legion and SSAFA

Our Community: Residents in Almsgate, Polsted Lane, Withies Lane; Compton Village Hall Committee; Compton Little Theatre – members;

Those in particular need: Richard D, Sally G, Jo, Michael's son, Steven, those caring for others, known personally to us, & known only to God.

RIP: We pray for the family and friends of Richard Garner and Susan More-Molyneux