

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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Make a donation?

Thank you - you can use the sum-up card machine at the back of church or send a cheque to the address below.

For more information

Visit us at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8109/>

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St Nicholas Compton

October 2023



Hi Everyone,

After many months of waiting, we finally have a **beautiful new door!**

And once the work is finished outside, we'll have level access to the church (and the loos!) **Thank you so much to all who have given time & money** to make this possible - watch out for news of a great celebration...

As we continue with our vision of Deeper Wider Greener

- *Deeper:* Our **Small Groups** will be restarting on **Wed 11 Oct & Thurs 12 Oct** at 10.30am & 7pm respectively. All are welcome as we explore life together as disciples. *Details overleaf.*
- *Wider:* Steve & I will be **hosting a 'Quiet Fireworks' party** on **Fri 27 Oct** for all those who enjoy a beautiful display of fireworks, but prefer there to be fewer crashes & bangs! *Details overleaf.*
- *Greener:* We're so **grateful for all that Phil has done** in making our churchyard so beautiful. We now need the **help of a regular paid gardener**, so please ask your contacts and contact our wardens with any suggestions.

Our PCC met recently and we're pleased to welcome a couple of **new faces to our Finance team** - Sarah Winterbotham as our new Accountant and, from Jan 2024, David Hunt as the new Chair & Treasurer. Linda will be continuing with her fantastic work, but Michael C will be standing down in due course and there will soon be an opportunity to thank him for all he has done.

With prayers and blessings for the month ahead, *Rev Sally*

What's On in October

Church Services

Sunday 1 Oct	10.30am 6 pm	Muddy Church Evensong
Wed 4 Oct	10.30am	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 8 Oct	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 15 Oct	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 22 Oct	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 29 Oct	10.30am	Service of the Word
(Sunday 5 Nov)	10.30am	Muddy Church)

Special Event!

'Quiet Fireworks' on **Fri 27 October 4.30-6pm** at **The Rectory**

Free food, fireworks and fun for those with younger children & the young at heart who prefer less noise!

Regular Events

Muddy Church - every 1st Sunday (see above)

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: Every week from **Wed 11 Oct at 10.30am** (Jill Eyles' house) and **Thurs 12 Oct 7pm** (The Rectory.) *Please contact Sally if you would like to be part of one of these...*

Inside Out meets **Sat 7 Oct & 4 Nov 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

St. Mark's Foodbank

During August & Harvest our charity support was for **Godalming Foodbank.**

It is sad that in such an affluent area as this a foodbank is needed, but St. Mark's run a really good and really needed one. They have around 45 regular clients on a 2 weekly collection basis for a supply of food, cleaning and toiletry products.

They hand out £30 Sainsbury vouchers 3 times a year and more recently have helped with home fuel costs due to funding from Surrey County Council. They also support local organisations such as Loseley Fields and Broadwater Schools, Barnardo Children's Centre, and various Waverley run units, such as family, mental health, children and young people.

Do have a look at their website to see which foods are required at the moment <https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/st-marks-food-bank/> and **please continue to donate throughout the year.**

There is a **box at the back of church for your donations** whenever you think of it and the contents will be collected and taken up, usually on **Mondays**, but donations any day are more than welcome. *Stella*

In October we pray for ...

Our Church: Anglican Church in Canada

Our Diocese: Pray for all licensed and authorised lay ministers and the wide range of talents and skills they use in helping and encouraging others

Our Monthly Charity: St Mark's Food Bank

Our Parish: Down Lane, Compton heights, Fowlerscroft, Spiceall

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