

## 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...

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### 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



## September 2023

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you have enjoyed a blessed summer! September brings with it a new round of opportunities to be blessed and to be a blessing to others – all beginning with S...

### Small Groups

Owing to popular demand, we are restarting our small groups

- Do you welcome time for reflection with others in a relaxing space?
- Would you like to ask a question in church, but don't feel able to?
- Are you interested in others' faith stories & maybe sharing yours?
- Would you be open to experiencing more of God's presence?

Then join us on **Wed mornings or Monday or Thursday evenings** (*let me know which suits you better*) from **w/b 8 Oct onwards**.

### Supporting our Community

Why not get a team together to support this very good cause?

#### Quiz Night in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices

Fri 13 October Shalford Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm Tickets £12

Tickets from Louise Healy Email: [louise.healy605@btinternet.com](mailto:louise.healy605@btinternet.com) Tel: 01483 898539 Teams of up to 6; Raffle; BYO drinks & nibbles Organised by Godalming Friends Group of SSCH Registered Charity No. 1042495

### Sunday Services

Regular worship on Sundays continues, with teaching based around Matthew's gospel, and with Muddy Church restarting on 3 September.

**Thank you so much to all who serve faithfully in various roles – you are really appreciated!**

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

## What's On in September

### Church Services

Sunday 3 Sept	10.30am 6 pm	Muddy Church Evensong
Wed 6 Sept	10.30am	BCP Holy Communion
Sun 10 Sept	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 17 Sept	10.30am	Harvest Celebration
Sun 24 Sept	10.30am	Holy Communion

All our Communion Services are followed by delicious coffee and engaging chat!

Sunday 1 Oct	10.30am	Muddy Church
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### Save the Date!

- **Family friendly Light Party on Fri 27 October** – all welcome, more details to follow.

### Restarting

**Muddy Church** – every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday (see above)

**Our Toddler Group, Fledglings.** Please invite new families to join us at Pucks Oak Barn on **Monday mornings in term time from Sept 11<sup>th</sup> onwards.** Contact [fledglingscompton@gmail.com](mailto:fledglingscompton@gmail.com)

**Small Groups:** We will be relaunching small groups in the **w/b 8 Oct** – please contact Sally if you would like to be part of one of these...

### Regular Events

**Inside Out** meets **Sat 2 Sept & 7 Oct 10am-12 noon** & every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday to keep the church and churchyard looking good – do put the dates in your diary! Contact

[stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com](mailto: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 – 10.30. Contact [phil.gorton@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.gorton@btinternet.com)

## Pilgrim Prompts: Something special to see in Church

**In May 2022 a most unusual item was presented to the church.** Metal detectorist, James Jones, who lives locally, found the small, coin-like piece of lead in the fields behind Compton – towards the Hog's Back. **It is a bulla**, the seal that was attached to a Papal Bull which was an official document or public decree issued by a Pope.

Since 12th century these important Papal Bulls carried a seal to authenticate the document. The seal always had the heads of the apostles Peter (curly hair & shorter beard) and Paul (long pointed beard) on one side. The Pope's name is on the other side – in this case Pope Innocent III, dating it to 1161–1216. The bulla was usually made of lead and attached to the document with hemp cords or silk ribbons.

**You can only imagine how this important seal came to be in the earth near Compton church.** An instruction from the Pope to the Priest at Compton? Pope Innocent III sided with King John at the time of Magna Carta and sent out a Bull that the barons had forced John to accept the conditions in an illegal, harmful way and that Magna Carta was void of all validity for ever. **Did the Priest and people of Compton ever receive it? Was the rider set upon? Was it stolen?**

You can see the bulla in a display box cleverly designed with mirrors enabling you to see both sides & put in place on the ledge in front of the Jacobean pulpit.

**Do pop in to see it. The church is open every day from 10am to dusk.**

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## In September we pray for ...

**Our Church:** The Anglican Church of Australia

**Diocese:** Chaplains of Hospitals, Hospices & Mental Health Trusts that they will successfully support the staff, patients & their families

**Our Monthly Charity:** Samaritans

**Our Parish:** Puttenham Heath Road, Monks Hatch, Down Lane & those walking the North Down's Way

**Those in particular need:** Richard D, Sally G, Jill's sister-in-law, those caring for others, known personally to us, and known only to God.