

St Nicholas Compton

September 2024



Greetings!

I hope you had a relaxing summer with family & friends and were able to enjoy God's presence together...

Over the summer we've been working on **improving our welcome for those who visit church during the week** when we're not there. We've had very positive feedback from our new Archdeacon Catharine, the prayer tree is proving a hit and we've had to replenish stocks of our new leaflet because of high demand. **Thanks to John G, Neil B and Sarah D for all their hard work!**

Now it's September, and our **children & young people are back at school, please pray** that they have a good time reuniting with friends and enjoying learning together.

Here at church, we've already had a great **Fledglings** trip to Mane Chance and a fun **Muddy Church** celebrating a summer of sport.

We also have the exciting news that we've appointed a **new Organist & Choir Director**, Richard Dacey. We're really looking forward to a new season in our worship together and I know that you will make him very welcome as he joins us.

Finally, a date for your diary - **Harvest Festival** will be **Sun 13 October**.

Prayers & blessings,

Rev Sally

Sunday & Midweek services

- Sept 1 Sun 10:30 Muddy Church & 18:00 Evensong
Sept 4 Wed 10:30 BCP Communion
Sept 8 Sun 10:30 Holy Communion
Sept 15 Sun 10:30 Holy Communion
Sept 22 Sun 10:30 Holy Communion
Sept 29 Sun 10:30 Service of the Word

- Oct 6 Sun 10.30 Muddy Church *Harvest*
Oct 13 Sun 10.30 Harvest Festival

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 the **new time of 9am** in term time. Contact fledglingscompton@gmail.com

Inside Out meets **Sat 7 Sept & Sat 5 Oct 10am-12 noon** 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.

Our new website stnicholascompton.org

Our very own website is now up and running! Thank you for all the feedback - it has truly been a joint project. We have sought to include highlights from our Children and Families Ministry, bellringers and community events alongside information for our regular worshippers. Phase 2 will see updates to the calendar and more visitor information. Watch this space!

Outward Giving – an update

The PCC resolved, as part of our outward giving, to support particular charities each quarter. These are: Q1 a local charity: **St Marks Food Bank**; Q2 a national charity: **Place2Be**; Q3 an international charity: **FiveTalents**; Q4 the charities we regularly support at this time of year such as The **Royal British Legion** and the **Children's Society**.

So, until the end of September, we are supporting **Five Talents**, which works with the Anglican Church in rural areas of eastern Africa. **Five Talents** enables those who have little to no access to financial services/small loans from banks, to begin savings groups where they receive training and support to set up and grow small businesses. These savings groups are where community members meet and create a safe place to save their money, take out a small loan and receive business training. These are micro savings and loans – very small amounts that add up to make a huge impact. These micro loans can be transformational – Annabel reported to PCC *“I have seen with my own eyes the long-term impact that micro loans for developing small businesses can have on individuals' lives, their mental health, and their families e.g. they can afford to send their children to school; they can afford healthcare; they can afford to improve their housing; and they reinvest and save.”* (<https://www.fivetalents.org.uk/>)

In September we pray for ...

Our Parish: Those who live in Polsted Lane & Puttenham Heath Road

Our Community: Prior's Field School, for all at the start of a new year

Among our local churches: St John the Baptist, Puttenham, St Barts, Wanborough, St Laurence, Seale

Our Quarterly Charity: Five Talents (see above)

Those in particular need: the late Ken Miller's family, Richard D, Sally G, those caring for others, known 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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Key contacts

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