

St Nicholas Compton

October 2024



Greetings!

I spent last week on a wonderful pilgrimage with a group of local clergy colleagues and Danish pastors from our link diocese of Viborg.

We started our walk along the Pilgrims Way from the top of Box Hill. Bishop Paul blessed us and we were led by Pilgrim Pastor Kristian as we enjoyed fantastic views of God's creation. And as we sunned ourselves after lunch (in a brief moment without clouds or rain) the Danes told us we were higher up than anywhere in Denmark!

For the next couple of days we walked through the Surrey Hills via Abinger Hammer, Pitch Hill, Cranleigh, Hydon Hill, Godalming and Shalford and rejoined the Pilgrims Way at St Martha's before finishing with a eucharist at Guildford Cathedral.

Walking is a fantastic way of sharing faith together and we became a tightly knit group despite not having met each other before. We were mightily blessed by the hospitality of local churches and overnight hosts and were rooted in a deep sense of God's love through both fellowship and the wonder of the natural world.

So this month as we celebrate Harvest together, I shall be particularly grateful for everything that God has given us to eat, drink and enjoy and also for our friendships across his world.

Prayers & blessings,

Rev Sally

Could you represent St Nicholas Church on the Village Hall Management committee? Only one meeting each quarter! Email Sarah stnicholascompton.office@gmail.com for more details

Sunday & Midweek services

Oct 2	Wed	10:30	BCP
Oct 6	Sun	10:30	Muddy Church <i>Harvest</i>
		18:00	Evensong
Oct 13	Sun	10:30	Harvest Holy Communion
Oct 20	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion
Oct 27	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion

For your diary/calendar

Nov 3	Sun	10.30	Muddy Church Autumn
		15:00	Service in Memory of Loved Ones *
Nov 8	Fri	16:00	Quiet Fireworks at the Rectory *

* See website for more details

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 5 Oct & Sat 2 Nov 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.

Children & Families ...

This now comprises Fledglings, Muddy Church, Seasonal events (Easter Sunday, Harvest, Christingle & Nativity) and Parties (Pancakes, Summertime & Quiet Fireworks). We are blessed with a great team of volunteers including Catherine, Mike W, Steve B, Julia, Annabel & Leslie C (plus Suzie from Little Rays). If you can help serve coffee at Fledglings or help in any other way please chat with Sally

Fledglings update: The number of families attending Fledglings is growing term on term and feedback shows that they really love the welcome, friendliness and outdoor setting. The social aspect is key for the adults, and relationships are being formed not only between them, but between the church family and the attendees.

Please pray for the continuing ministry of Fledglings, in particular

- for good decisions by the PCC and Fledglings team about ways to develop and grow the Ministry and to follow what God is blessing
- that the families would experience something of God's love through relationships fostered between families, with the natural world and with the church family

Give thanks:

- for our volunteers
- for the relationships built with long-standing families and for ongoing links with families whose children are school age & no longer able to attend the group.
- for the steady growth in attendance term by term.
- for the natural surroundings so close to the church to use as a venue and for our forest school leader who as a fellow church toddler leader shares our passion and vision.

In October we pray for ...

Our Parish: Those in The Arbour, Props Close, Priors Gate, Priorswood

Our Community: St Mark's Food Bank -for both volunteers & guests

Among our local churches: St Stephen's, Shottermill

Our Quarterly Charity: Royal British Legion, The Children's Society

Those in particular need: Richard Dunn, Sally G, those caring for others, known to us, & known only to God. **RIP:** we pray for the families of Ken Miller and Sophie Ford

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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For more information

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