

# St Nicholas Compton

March 2025



Greetings friends!

We are **fast approaching the season of Lent** which begins a little later than sometimes this year on Wed Mar 5. Lent (from the old English lengthen and referring to the season of spring and longer daytime) is a time of spiritual renewal and reflection in preparation for observing Good Friday, the death of Jesus and celebrating Easter, Jesus' resurrection.

**The purpose of Lent is to draw closer to God through intentionally setting aside time for prayer, repentance, and self-examination.** During Lent, some of us may also choose to give up certain activities that we don't always find helpful and/or seek to cultivate new ones so we become even more fruitful.

So, you are very welcome to join us in church for **traditional 'ashing' on Ash Wednesday, Mar 5 at 10.30am**, followed by the start of our **small group that will meet every Wednesday morning throughout Lent.**

In other news, **Muddy Church will be celebrating pancake day early on Sun Mar 2** - after our morning fun on the theme of 'Spring is in the air' in the churchyard, pancakes will be served for lunch at the Rectory.

Lenten blessings,  
Rev Sally

Please share with friends and neighbours...

## New Administrator

As a village church we're seeking to serve the spiritual needs of local people and to help build community in Compton and the local area. An opportunity has arisen for a new Parish Administrator to join our team. Whilst carrying out regular duties, you will be working mostly from home at times to suit you, with occasional trips to the church building, plus also attending church services at least once a month.

The role is to support the ministry and mission of Compton Parish by enabling the church to run efficiently and effectively. The Parish Administrator works in conjunction with our leadership team at the centre of our parish life, managing our office systems and communications, including creating content for & updating the website and electronic diary, coordinating arrangements for baptisms, weddings & funerals and supporting the clergy, churchwardens and other office holders.

The role is for the equivalent of one day per week at £15 per hour. Closing date 21 March. Please contact our rector Sally for more details [stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com)

## Services in March 2025

- 2 Sunday** 10:30 **Muddy Church** *Spring is in the air & Pancakes!*  
18:00 **Evensong**
- 5 Wed** 10:30 **Ash Wednesday**  
Holy Communion *followed by 1<sup>st</sup> Lent Group*
- 9 Sunday** 10:30 Holy Communion
- 16 Sunday** 10:30 Holy Communion
- 23 Sunday** 10:30 Holy Communion
- 30 Sunday** 10:30 **Mothering Sunday**

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### Regular Events

**Muddy Church** A space for all for wandering & wondering with God for all the family on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month in term time.

Our **Toddler Group, Fledglings**. All welcome at Pucks Oak Barn on Mondays from **9am** in term time. [fledglingscompton@gmail.com](mailto:fledglingscompton@gmail.com)

#### Lent Group

Every week during Lent. Please contact our Rector Sally if you would like to be part of one of these.

**Inside Out meets Sat 1 Mar & Sat 5 April** 10am-12 noon to keep the church & churchyard looking good. Just turn up or 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 - 10.30am. Contact [phil.gorton@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.gorton@btinternet.com)

## In March we pray for ...

**Our parish:** The proposals for traffic calming

**Our local churches:** Vacancies across our deanery

**Those in particular need:** Richard D, Sally G, Martin L & Michael C

**RIP:** The families of Denys Wood, Anthony May, Nick Mayer, Ron Collins

## Ways to contact the church

**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](mailto:stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com) or 07778 681664 Confidences will be respected.

#### Key contacts

Churchwardens: Ros Lawson and Mike Winterbotham  
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