

St Nicholas Compton

December 2024

Greetings friends,

As we approach the end of the year, what a privilege to look forward to the birth of Christ!

There are many beautiful bible passages that we treasure in this season, but I want to include just one here. This excerpt from Isaiah is so hopeful because it acknowledges not only the realities of our everyday existence, but at the same time captures a glimpse of the transforming power of the promised presence of Christ with us...

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

(Isaiah 9)

Please share this good news with your friends and invite them to our celebratory services over the next few weeks.

My prayer is that during this special time of year, both as we gather together and as we snatch moments alone, you may know the presence of the risen Christ in every aspect of your lives.

Advent & Christmas blessings

Rev Sally

Services in December

- Sun 1 16:00 **Christingle**
(Suitable for all ages, includes making your own Christingle)
- Sun 8 10.30 Service of the Word
18:00 **Patronal Festival Communion**
- Sun 15 10:30 Holy Communion
- Sun 22 18:00 **Carols by Candlelight**
(All welcome for our traditional carol service)
- Tues 24 16:00 **Christmas Eve Nativity / Crib service**
(Come dressed as a character from the Christmas story – costumes also available in church.)
21:30 **Christmas Eve Midnight Communion**
- Wed 25 10.30 **Christmas Day Celebration Communion**
- Sun 29 10:30 Service of the Word



Services in January

- Sun 5 18:00 Evensong
- Sun 12 10:30 Holy Communion
- Sun 19 10:30 Holy Communion
- Sun 26 10:30 Holy Communion
- For your diary:** Sun 2 Feb 10:30 Muddy Church returns

Regular Events

Muddy Church A space for all for wandering & wondering with God for all the family on 1st Sunday each month in termtime. *Returns Sun 2 February @ 10:30*

Our Toddler Group, Fledglings. All welcome at Pucks Oak Barn on Monday mornings from 9am in term time. Contact fledglingscompton@gmail.com *Finishes Dec 9, reopens Jan 6.*

Inside Out meets Sat 7 Dec 10am-12 noon to keep the church & churchyard looking good. Just turn up or 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

Programme of Life Issues Sessions 2025

at Godalming Baptist Church

Bullying – It’s Happening Everywhere led by Revd Peter Jackson.

Saturday 25th January, 10am – 12.30 (Coffee from 9.30am). Free session but donations invited for The National Bullying Helpline. Please reserve a place, by Friday 10th January

Supporting those “Living with Cancer and Beyond” from a Relative’s Perspective led by Daphne Bleach.

Saturday 15th March, 10am – 12.30 (Coffee from 9.30 am). Please reserve a place, with payment of £7, by Friday 28th February

Engaging and Empowering Older People led by Louise Morse

Saturday 26th April 2025 from 9.30am – 1pm (Coffee from 9am)
Please reserve a place, with payment of £8, by Friday 11th April

Pastoral Care in Challenging Times led by Andy Peck

Saturday 14th June, 9.30 am – 1 pm (Coffee from 9am)
Please reserve a place, with payment of £8, by Friday 30th May

Women’s Away Day at Ladywell Retreat Centre led by Linda

Chamberlain. A day of refreshment& encouragement for Ecumenical women, in the peace and beautiful surroundings of Ladywell Retreat Centre, Godalming; Saturday 20th September 2025 10am – 4pm, Cost £28 per person (incl lunch & refreshments). Please reserve your place by Friday 22nd August.

Trauma: More Relevant to Every Day Life than we Realise led by Libby

Williams. Saturday 5th July, 10 am – 12.30 (Coffee from 9.30am)
Please reserve a place, with payment of £7, by Friday 20th June

Session (topic to be confirmed) – led by Dr Martin Brunet (GP at

Binscombe Medical Centre) Saturday 11th October, 10 am – 12.30 (Coffee from 9.30 am)

Our aim is to bring Life Issue Sessions to as many people as possible at an affordable price. For more details on courses, or to make a reservation, or for payment details please contact: Sally Pollard email: pollard3@hotmail.co.uk, tel: 01483 428646.

In December / January we pray for ...

Our Parish: of the congregation who live outside the parish

Our Community: Children and families who are struggling, those living alone for whom Christmas is not a time of joy or peace

Among our local churches: The Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford

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

Those in particular need: Richard D, Sally G, those caring for others, known to us, & known only to God.

RIP: we pray for the families of Ron Collins (Janet’s husband), Sophie Ford, Jennifer Segar, Ken Miller

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 or 07778 681664 Confidences will be respected.

Key contacts

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