

# St Nicholas Compton

November 2024



Greetings friends!

After we've celebrated that 'all is safely gathered in' at our Harvest festival, Autumn is now definitely upon us. As we look forward together, November brings with it some very special occasions that give us pause to remember and reflect...

We start the month with a simple, contemplative service to remember our loved ones, then move onto Remembrance Sunday with its echoes right across our nation. As December approaches, we pause again as we mark the penitential season with our Advent carol service. Throughout this season we will continue to remember those across our world who are suffering, particularly those caught up in conflict, famine and displacement, whilst we pray earnestly for peace.

On a lighter note, if you're looking for something more energetic, we offer a variety of activities for you and your friends. Muddy Church Autumn is followed later the same week by the annual Quiet Fireworks party - free family fireworks, food & fun for those who prefer less noise! And it's not long now until Christingle...

Our Home Groups (where we have more time & space to explore our faith journeys together) are restarting in the w/b 10 November, probably on Wednesday mornings & Thursday evenings - please do let me know if you would like to come.

Blessings

Rev Sally

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

## Sunday & Midweek services

Nov 3	Sun	10.30	Muddy Church <i>Autumn</i>
		15:00	Service in Memory of Loved Ones
Nov 6	Wed	10.30	BCP Communion
Nov 8	Fri	16:00	Quiet Fireworks at the Rectory
Nov 10	Sun	10:15	Remembrance Sunday - note earlier start
Nov 17	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion
Nov 24	Sun	10.30	Holy Communion
		18:00	Advent Carol Service

For your diary

Dec 1 Sun 16:00 Christingle

## Regular Events

**Muddy Church** A space for all for wandering & wondering with God for all the family on 1st Sunday each month in termtime.

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

**Inside Out meets Sat 2 Nov** 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)

**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) Confidences will be respected.

## Greetings from the organ bench!

It's a pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new Organist & Choir Director at St Nicholas. You'll find me playing the beautiful Kenneth Jones organ on Sunday mornings at 10.30am & at evensong on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays.

My wife, Teresa and I returned to the Guildford area a few years ago to be nearer family. I studied music at the RCM in London and have enjoyed a varied career as a teacher, performer, music theatre vocal coach and MD. I've also had an exciting time as a conductor in a range of chorus-master and choral conducting roles. My previous organ posts include Great Malvern Priory, St Matthew's Anglican Church, Ottawa, Canada, Shrewsbury School and Epsom Parish Church. My teaching career included 12 years as Director of Music at Repton School, Derbyshire and 10 years as Head of Performing Arts at a specialist arts college in Leicester. I still teach piano, singing and A level music at Halliford School in Shepperton and I'm chairman of the Vivace Chorus in Guildford ([www.vivacechorus.org](http://www.vivacechorus.org)).

I'm keen to create opportunities for live music making at St Nicholas, particularly for the weekly Sunday services, but also by providing a musical platform for the wider Compton community throughout the year. I'd like to expand the choir membership to involve more local singers, especially in the unique tradition of choral evensong, and also create opportunities for young people to gain experience in singing, playing the organ and performing in junior workshops and concerts. The church building is an inspiring venue for the arts, so I'm hoping to organise a monthly concert series in the village on a regular basis. In the meantime, as we prepare to mark the seasons of All Saints, Advent and Christmas, the Service in Memory of Loved Ones (Sunday 3 Nov at 3.00pm) has a simple order of hymns and prayers with reflective music for cello and organ by Bach, Mendelssohn and Saint-Saens.

If you'd like to get involved in music making at St Nicholas, send me an email ([stnicholascompton.organist@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.organist@gmail.com)) or come and chat after a service in church on Sunday. I look forward to meeting you. **Richard Dacey**

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## 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...

## In November we pray for ...

**Our Parish:** Those who live in Summers Lane, Beechcroft and Foxhanger's Lane

**Our Community:** Mane Chance Sanctuary -for staff and visitors

**Among our local churches:** All Saints, Witley (in vacancy)

**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 family of Peter Terry

## 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?**

Revd Sally Buddle 07778 681664

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### Key contacts

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