

# St Nicholas Compton

January 2026



Happy New Year!

**Thank you so much to everyone for all your ministry during our Christmas celebrations.**

We had a significant number of visitors at each of our special services, and I have had great feedback about welcome and building community from them – **you are each so appreciated!**

Turning to 2026, there are two key areas to highlight this month...

Firstly, we are **reviewing/renewing/reimagining how we enact God's vision of being his people here in Compton** and the surrounding communities. Then we'll be meeting the Archdeacon towards the end of January to agree plans for the next two years.

*Please pray about this and let me know if there is anything you would like considered.* So far we've had the need for suitable premises for children's work and shared meals highlighted, plus the idea of organising some music themed events around the village fete in May.

Secondly, having already served for the maximum six years (for which huge thanks), **Ros has to stand down as churchwarden at the APCM in May, and we need someone else to take on this role.** Again, please pray about a suitable candidate and let me know.

I'm looking forward to all God has in store for us,

Blessings

Sally

## What's On in January

Jan 4	Sun	10:30	<b>Muddy Church</b> – <i>The Three Wise Men</i>
	Sun	18:00	<b>Evensong</b> – <i>Epiphany</i>
Jan 7	Wed		<b>BCP</b> – Communion
Jan 11	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion
Jan 18	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion
Jan 25	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion

### 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 1 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:** Sunday service ringing 9:50 – 10:30 (1st Sunday only 17:30–18:00.) Bell ringing practice alternate Tuesdays 10:00 – 12:00, and practice sessions can be arranged at other times to suit those who cannot manage a weekday morning. 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.

## Life Issues Sessions at Godalming Baptist Church 2026

The Life Issues Sessions at Godalming Baptist Church for 2026 have now been published. Below is the information for the first of these sessions, taking place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

**BOUNDARIES (led by Revd Peter Jackson) – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
10am – 12:30pm (Coffee available from 9:30am)  
Godalming Baptist Church**

Is your life out of control? Do people take advantage of you?

Do you have trouble saying “No”? Why is it important to have mental, physical, emotional and spiritual boundaries? How do we establish these boundaries? How do we cope with people who don't have boundaries or fail to respect ours?

Come and explore some of the challenging issues that have a profound effect on our already busy lives, as Peter sensitively helps unpack these questions and more.

The session will be free of charge, but voluntary donations are invited for the vital work of 'The Sanctuary', providing support for victims of domestic abuse.

To book a place for this session or any other in the Programme please contact Sally (01483) 428646 or e-mail [pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk)

### In January we pray for ...

- Peace & protection for those living in countries where war or natural disasters make normal life impossible
- That the number of families reliant on foodbanks in the UK will reduce this year
- That we will be a blessing to our families, friends and local community

## Muddy Church – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January



### Muddy Church – The Three Wise Men

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January – 10:30am

Wrap up warm and come and join us. There will be some great crowns to make as we explore our theme of The Three Wise Men!

### 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

Email: [stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com)

### Key contacts

Church administrator: Fiona Fisher

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