

# St Nicholas Compton



Greetings!

With seemingly so much upheaval in our world at the moment, during this season of Lent we are all invited to wait in hope for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials life brings.

On the night that he is betrayed, Jesus knelt in darkness in the Garden of Gethsemane. Though he pleaded with his disciples to watch and pray with him, they all fell asleep, leaving him alone in his hour of deepest suffering. For us though, two millennia later, the forty days of Lent offer us the opportunity to respond differently and wait with Jesus in his anguish and isolation. Making space to watch and pray - together and as individuals - can help us rest and be restored by God's presence. And it can also help us become more aware of a suffering world that desperately needs us to share God's healing with those we encounter.

So may this Lent bring us not only waiting but healing, not only rest but renewed hope. May we all be encouraged and supported as we journey together. And may we meet and be transformed by the Lord of lords, whose day is near.

And, after a thoughtful season of Lent, may I also wish you the joy of the resurrection on Easter morning!

Blessings

Rev Sally

## What's On In March

Mar 1	Sun	10:30	Muddy Church – Spring is in the Air
	Sun	18:00	Evensong – St David's Day
Mar 4	Wed		NO BCP – CANCELLED
Mar 8	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion
Mar 15	Sun	10:30	Mothering Sunday – Holy Communion
Mar 22	Sun	10:30	Holy Communion
		11:30	Visit to see the Lambs (Meet by Arch in Eastbury Lane)
Mar 29	Sun		No Morning Service
	Sun	18:00	Evensong – Palm Sunday

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Apr 5 Sun 10:30 **Easter Sunday All Age Celebration – with Easter Egg Hunt!**

### 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 7 March 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.lector@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.lector@gmail.com). Confidences will be respected.

## Church Warden

**Please would you prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to be our new Church Warden?**

Church wardens share in the leadership of our church with me & the PCC, concentrating on both spiritual and practical matters, particularly the church buildings. Obviously, they should be a people of integrity, who lead in a gracious, Christ-like manner and who treat each member of the parish with respect and dignity, as a unique individual created in the image of God. They need to be baptised and on the Electoral Roll of the parish and are elected annually by joint consent of the Incumbent of the parish and a meeting of parishioners.

### **In practice this means:**

- Making sure the church is prepared for worship every Sunday (most regular tasks are already covered by those on the rota, which is prepared by Fiona & Sally)
- Meeting once a month either to plan with Church Wardens and myself, or to attend & contribute to PCC
- To be the legal owners of all the movable property of the Church – responsible for the maintenance, safekeeping and availability of all the consecrated and unconverted goods and ornaments, and to hold church keys
- And now the fun bit... To have the right in law to remove from the Church and/or Churchyard anyone who is causing a disturbance or who threatens to do so!

If this sounds like you, or could be someone you know, please speak to me for a further chat.

### **In March we pray for ...**

- Countries where conflict has been raging for years
- All the victims of Jeffery Epstein
- Bishop Andrew & his family and those who suffer in body, mind or spirit

## Muddy Church – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March



**Muddy Church – Spring is in the Air**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 10:30am**  
Join us for a fun, interactive service!



**Visit to see the Lambs**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 11:30am (after the service)**  
Meet by the arch in Eastbury Lane



## 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.lector@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.lector@gmail.com)

### **Key contacts**

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Safeguarding: Fiona Fisher [stnicholascompton.safeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.safeguarding@gmail.com)

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### **For more information**

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