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Compton, Shackleford & Peper Harow

10th March 2019: First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to our church today.



TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

We hear a passage in which Israel is recalled to the fundamentals of the nation's creed: the act of rescue from slavery in Egypt which we call the Exodus. The joy to which it led ("a land flowing with milk and honey") reminds us of the basic gifts we have received through Christ, the awareness of our being received anew by God.

Luke 4:1-13

Lent began the time of preparation for candidates for their baptism at Easter, but it soon came to be seen as foreshadowed in Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness before embarking on his ministry. It has long been for Christians an annual time of penitence, their own 'testing', with fasting strongly to the fore. In the face of his testing, Jesus emerges unscathed. May we do the same!

DIARY

Saturday 16th March

St Nicholas Peper Harow 10.00am *Intercession Training*

Sunday 17th March

St Nicholas Compton 10.30am *Sung Holy Communion and Baptism of Benjamin Moffett*

Wednesday 20th March

St Nicholas Compton 10.30 am *Said Communion*

Sunday 24th March

St Nicholas Peper Harow 10.30am *Sung Holy Communion*

Sunday 31st March

St Nicholas Compton 9.30am *Sung Holy Communion*

St Nicholas Peper Harow 10.30am *Messy Church for Mothering Sunday*

FOOD BANK COLLECTION FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

Please can tins, packets etc be put into carrier bags for easy transportation. Thank you very much for your support. Margaret.



Will you take the prayers?

Intercession Training on Saturday 16th March

10.00am - 12noon at Peper Harow Church

A refresher for those who already undertake this ministry and a taster for anyone who might be considering it. Perhaps you've been asked at some time whether you would lead the prayers of intercession at a church service and perhaps you've said 'yes' or perhaps you've hesitated. It might sound daunting but it can be a great privilege to lead the prayers of the people in this way; this training is to help you to feel confident in the role. It will be led by Revd. Sarah Hutton, who is the Diocesan Spiritual Growth Facilitator; some will remember her from a session on prayer that she led here during Lent a few years ago. Please confirm attendance by signing the list in the churches or letting me know directly. Caroline

Lent Groups

Groups will be held on Thursdays with two opportunities to participate, either at 10.30am at the Rectory or 7.30pm at Peper Harow Church, both led by Caroline. If you've never been to a Lent group before please be assured that it is a relaxed and kindly environment in which to go a little deeper with God. The dates are 14th, 21st, 28th, March and 4th, 11th April. In these groups we'll explore five 'spiritual essentials' for life's journey that will help us raise questions that affect us all: A Compass, Bread, Light, Shelter and Water. More details are in the Parish Magazine. Please sign up for one or other group on the list in church.

