

Wykeham Benefice pewsheet for March 10th First Sunday in Lent

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10.8b-13

⁸But what does it say?

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Luke 4.1-13

⁴Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

¹¹and

"On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Week Ahead

Mon 11 th	9am Morning Prayer in Epwell 12noon to 1.30pm Lent Lunch in St Mary's House, Wykham Lane, Broughton 6pm Youth Group in Sibford
Tue 12 th	9.15am Morning Prayer in Broughton 10am Holy Communion in Tadmarton 10.30am Tadmarton PCC meets in church 11am Swalcliffe Woodland Play Area Opening Ceremony
Wed 13 th	8.45am Morning Prayer in Sibford 9.30am Holy Communion in Epwell 10.10am Assembly at Sibford Gower endowed Primary School 7pm Lent Talk in Sibford Church. Rev Andrew Foran. Prison Chaplain.
Thu 14 th	9am Morning Prayer in Swalcliffe 11am Funeral of Ms Peacocke at the crematorium
Fri 15 th	Ronald's Day Off
Sat 16 th	9am Morning Prayer in Shutford.
Sun 17 th	2 nd Sunday in Lent 8am BCP HC @ Broughton 9.30am HC @ Sibford, MP @ Swalcliffe, 9.45am HC@ Epwell 11am MP @ Shutford, HC @ Broughton and Tadmarton

Lent Talks on Wednesday evenings at SEVEN pm, continue on 20th in Sibford church with Mrs Nicola McHugh, Senior Lecturer at University of Northampton, who trains people in how to care for Older People. Dying must not be seen as a failure to care properly. Refreshments available beforehand.

APCM – the Church's Annual General Meeting coming up soon – all six of them! Please will YOU make sure you complete AND RETURN an Electoral Roll Form – the Roll is being revised this year and EVERYONE has to complete a new form; also please will you nominate people to be Church Warden? We need nominations duly signed and delivered to **ME** before the meetings start; AND please will you nominate people to be PCC members. Forms are available either at the back of church or from your Wardens and PCC members.

Paddy Hemfrey's funeral service will be at 1pm on Thursday March 21st at the crematorium.