



# Three Rivers Churches

Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett, Snailwell  
**CHURCH OF ENGLAND, DIOCESE OF ELY**

*Welcome to church today – we are very glad to have you with us.*

## **10 March 2024 - Mothering Sunday**

**Collect** God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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. **Amen.**

### **A reading from Exodus 2. 1-10**

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.<sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months.<sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.<sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen

to him.<sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.<sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said.<sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'<sup>8</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother.<sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it.<sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from Colossians 3.12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalms 34. 11-20**

**11** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**12** Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

**13** Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

**14** Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

**15** The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

**16** The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

**17** When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

**18** The LORD is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

**19** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

**20** He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

Hear the Gospel of our  
Lord Jesus Christ according  
to **John 19. 25-27**

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.<sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said

to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

### **Post Communion**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**17 March – Lent 5**

**9.30am** Isleham

– Eucharist

**9.30am** Snailwell

– Family Service

**11.00am** Fordham

– Family Service

**11.00am** Chippenham

– Eucharist (& Baptism)

**15.30pm** Kennett

Family Service

## **NOTICES**

### ***Invitation to Evensong at Jesus College Chapel***

The acting Dean of Jesus College has very kindly extended an invitation for Reverend Steve, with members of Fordham Parish and the other Three Rivers Churches, to attend Evensong at Jesus College Chapel.

The proposed dates are:

*Tuesday 7 May & Tuesday 4 June*  
**(both at 6.30pm)**

This would be preceded by light refreshments at 5.15pm. If you would be interested in attending please contact reverend Stephen with your interest and preferred date/s at [revdsmday@cantab.net](mailto:revdsmday@cantab.net)



## Intercessions

### **Baptisms:**

Sunday 17 March, Chippenham, 11am, Freya Canham

Sunday 14 April, Fordham, 11am, Thea Percival

### **Wedding:**

Saturday 6 April, Chippenham, 3pm, Nicholas Troubridge & India Wadham

## **Getting to Grips**

**\* How to grow as a disciple of Jesus \***

*A series of conversations in Lent*

*Thursdays at 7.30pm in Fordham Parish Church*

15 February – ***Getting to grips with God***

22 February = Half term – no meeting

29 February – ***Getting to grips with the Bible***

7 March – ***Getting to grips with Prayer***

14 March – ***Getting to grips with Worship***

21 March – ***Getting to grips with Service***

28 March, Maundy Thursday – ***Holy Communion at Chippenham***