



Three Rivers Churches

Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett, Snailwell
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Welcome to church today – we are very glad to have you with us.

21 April 2024 - Easter 4

Collect Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with **Amen.**

A reading from Acts 4. 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do

this?'⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders,⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed,¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

¹¹ This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 John 3.16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in
green pastures; he leads me
beside still waters;
3 he restores my soul. He leads me
in right paths for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the
darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you
are with me; your rod and your
staff— they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my
cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the
LORD my whole life long.

Hear the Gospel of our
Lord Jesus Christ according
to **John 10. 11-18**

Glory to you, O Lord

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and

scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NOTICES

Leading your Church into Growth

This conference has been regrettably postponed by the Diocese. We will update you when we know more. Apologies

Foundation Governor Vacancy

There is a position becoming available for the start of the new academic year for a **Foundation Governor at Isleham Primary School**. In the past six months two new parent governors, a co-opted governor with experience in school building project management have joined and an Associate governor has been invited to join who is a local Farm Manager. If you feel that this is something that would interest you, please contact Reverend Stephen @ revdsmday@cantab.net



New to the Bible? Want a refresher?

Using a unique storyline, the course shows how the key events, books and characters of the Bible all fit together. You'll get to see the BIG picture and discover how the Bible

applies to your life. 8 Thursday evening sessions, starting on Thursday 25th April at Fordham church, 7.30-9pm. If you want to join in, please let Revd. Stephen know via email @ revdsmday@cantab.net

Reminder of Evensong event

The acting Dean of Jesus College has opened the invitation for Reverend Steve, with members of Fordham Parish and the other Three Rivers Churches, to attend Evensong at Jesus College Chapel. on ***Tuesday 7 May at 6.30pm.***

If you are interested in attending, please contact Reverend Stephen with your interest and preferred date/s @ revdsmday@cantab.net

Snailwell Dog Show 2024

Taking place at on May 18, Noon until 5pm at *Snailwell Paddock* CB8 7LJ (all proceeds go to *St. Peter's Restoration fund*)



NEXT SUNDAY

28 April – *Easter 5*

9.30am Isleham – Morning Praise

9.30am Snailwell – Eucharist

11.00am Fordham – Eucharist

11.00am Chipp'ham – Morn' Prayer

Intercessions

Weddings:

Thursday 30 May, Snailwell, 1pm,
George Wise & Nicole Church

Friday 21 June, Moulton, 1pm
Jacob Eatock & Bethany Jones
(both of Isleham)

Funerals:

Wednesday 1 May, Isleham,
1.45pm followed by West Suffolk
Crematorium at 3pm, *Tracey Hobbs*

Friday 3rd May, Fordham, 10.30am
followed by a Committal at
Chelmsford Cemetery at 1.30pm
Martha Draper

Baptism:

Sunday 19th May, Chippenham,
11.00am, *William Gooderham*