



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.

31 March 2024 - Easter Sunday

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, and in all eternity. **Amen**

A reading from Acts 10. 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for

God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A reading from Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 118. 1-2, 14-24

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

2 Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me severely, he did not give me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hear the Gospel of our
Lord Jesus Christ according
to **Mark 16. 1-8**

Glory to you, O Lord

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look,

there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’
⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEXT SUNDAY

7 April – *Easter 2*

9.30am Isleham
– Eucharist

9.30am Snailwell
– Morning Prayer

11.00am Fordham
– Morning Prayer

11.00am Chippenham
– Eucharist

NOTICES

Leading your Church into Growth

There is an upcoming opportunity to come together as one group to attend an online conference exploring how our churches can begin to grow. For more information follow this link:

www.leadingyourchurchintogrowth.org.uk. Those interested in attending these sessions, which would be centrally co-ordinated at an agreed location, please contact Reverend Stephen @ revdsmday@cantab.net

Session #1:

Friday 26 April – 6.30-9.30pm

Session #2:

Saturday 27 April – 9am–1pm

Session #3:

Sunday 28 April – 1pm–3.30pm

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

Intercessions

Baptism:

Sunday 14 April, Fordham, 11am

Thea Percival

Wedding:

Saturday 6 April, Chippenham, 3pm

Nicholas Troubridge & India Wadham

