



# 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.*

## 5 May 2024 - Easter 6

**Collect** God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 Acts 10. 44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then

Peter said, <sup>47</sup> 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

### **A reading from 1 John 5. 1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burden

some, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

### **Psalm 98**

**1** O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.  
**2** The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.  
**3** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
**4** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
**5** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**6** With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

**7** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**8** Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

**9** at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Hear the Gospel of our  
Lord Jesus Christ according  
to **John 15. 9-17**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command

you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

### **Post Communion**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**12 May – *Easter 7***

**9.30am** Isleham – Morning Praise

**9.30am** Snailwell – Eucharist

**11.00am** Fordham – Eucharist

**11.00am** Chipp'ham – Morning Prayer

**Thursday 9 May – *Ascension Day***

Holy Communion at Kennett  
at 7.30pm

## **NOTICES**

### **\* Snailwell Dog Show \***

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

Call **07860 607 267** for more info



# The Bible Course



## 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. Eight 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](mailto:revdsmday@cantab.net)



## \* Intercessions \*

### Weddings:

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

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

### Funeral:

Tuesday 7 May, Snailwell, 2pm  
followed by a service at 3.00pm  
at West Suffolk Crematorium  
*Kate Ryan*

### Baptisms:

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

Sunday 2 June, Chippenham 11am,  
*William Spence*

Sunday 30 June, Isleham 9.30am,  
*Jude Wilkes*