



# 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.*

## 7 April 2024 - Easter 2

**Collect** Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 4. 32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.<sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

<sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.<sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

### **A reading from 1 John 1.1-2.2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup> we declare to you what we have seen

and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

### **Psalm 133**

**1** How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**2** It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

**3** It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

Hear the Gospel of our  
Lord Jesus Christ according  
to **John 20. 19-31**

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are

retained.’<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## **Post Communion**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> April

If you want to join in, please let Revd. Stephen know on [revdsmday@cantab.net](mailto:revdsmday@cantab.net)

## Revision of church electoral rolls:

Each church has an electoral roll of people who are entitled to vote in the election of PCC members and church representatives on other official bodies. These rolls are revised each year. This year the revision begins on Sunday 21st April and ends on Sunday 5th May. If you are already on the roll, you will stay there unless you ask to be removed. If you would like to be added to the roll for your church, please contact Revd. Steve or your churchwardens.

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### 14 April – *Easter 3*

9.30am Isleham – Morning Praise

9.30am Snailwell – Eucharist

11.00am Fordham – Eucharist & Baptism

11.00am Chippenham – Morning Prayer

### Intercessions

#### **Baptism:**

Sunday 14 April, Fordham, 11am,  
*Thea Percival*

#### **Wedding:**

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