



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.

12 May 2024 - Easter 7

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 1. 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶ 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

A reading from 1 John 5. 9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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Psalm 1

1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Hear the Gospel of our
Lord Jesus Christ according
to **John 17. 6-19**

Glory to you, O Lord

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are

one.¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NEXT SUNDAY

19 May – Pentecost

9.30am Isleham – Eucharist

9.30am Snailwell – Family Service

11.00am Fordham – Family Service

11.00am Chippenham – Eucharist with Baptism

15.30pm Kennett – Family Service

NOTICES

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

* 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



Annual Parish Church Meeting

On Tuesday 21 May at 7pm in
Chippenham Village Hall this year's
Annual Parish Church Meeting will
be held.

Fordham Charity Market Day

On Monday 27 May there will
be a charity Market Day at Taylor's
Field, (*Just off Collin's Hill*). All
proceeds to St Peter's Church
Preservation Trust.

Adults **£1** / Children under 16 **free**

* Intercessions *

Weddings:

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

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

Baptisms:

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

Sunday 2 June, Chippenham 11am,
William Spence

Sunday 30 June, Isleham 9.30am,
Jude Wilkes

