

The Three Rivers Group

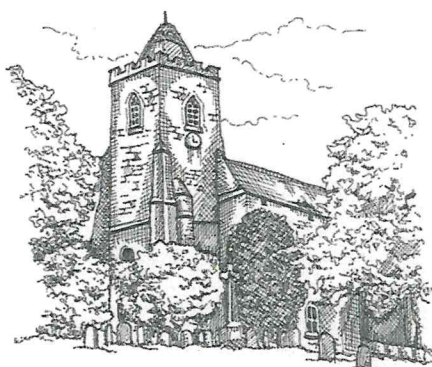
Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett & Snailwell



St Margaret's, Chippenham



*St Peter & St Mary
Magdalene, Fordham*



St Andrew's, Isleham



St Nicholas', Kennett



St Peter's, Snailwell

Annual Report 2017/8

Notes from PCC AGM – 25th April 2017 – Fordham School.

We began by praying together the renewal of the covenant.

Reports from 2016 are all in the booklet.

Accounts:

The meeting needs to approve accounts for each PCC, only one (Fordham) been audited and returned. Others have been sent off. **Accounts were approved.**

Election of churchwardens:

Currently limited to 3 or 6 years unless the rule is set aside which would enable people to serve for longer.

Question to the meeting: Are you prepared to set aside the 3 year rule – **passed unanimously.**

We currently have 10 churchwardens. The Churchwardens reports are included in the report.

There is no deanery synod report

Sue Giles – from Anglesey Group – new rural dean, being licensed on Wednesday. Next meeting June 16th, Bishop's garden.

Electoral roll reports in report. New re-composition of the rolls in 2019 (every 6 years). Some members of the church currently not on the roll.

Appointment of auditors

Nigel Johnson – Isleham and Kennett and Snailwell

Lisa Sanford – Fordham

Pam Mead – expenses

No concerns. Happy for them to be re-elected.

Appointment of sidesmen – lists in report.

Jackie Naylor needs to be added to list, John Johnson, Brenda Downey. Take Ian Gargett off from Chippenham. **All in favour**

Election of PCC members –

Ruth down twice

Keith Mobbs & Stephen Taylor for Kennett

Emily Crane

All in favour

Last year saw a large number of centrally important parishioners, who died. We took a moment in silence to remember them.

Ministry reports were given from: Mike, Sue, Carol

It will be Mike Banyard's last Sunday this coming Sunday, with a lunch at Chippenham Park on Monday.

Churchwardens have been meeting monthly – have completed parish profile. Meet May 2nd for Section 11 meeting. PCCs have delegated to the churchwardens meeting to choose representatives who will form the interview group.

Section 12 meeting on May 9th, 7.30pm in Fordham school, where the Archdeacon comes to hear what the parish needs and to set the timetable.

Works at Fordham completed. Bishop come to bless them. Works at Chippenham progressing.

Look forward with thanksgiving for all the Lord has done and all that is to come.

Formal thanks to Mike & Helen for all they have done over the last 14 years.

Schools' Ministry:

Fordham Church of England Primary

Isleham church of England Primary

Kennett Primary School in partnership with Staploe Education Trust

We are blessed to have three schools in our Group of Parishes, and take every opportunity to engage with children, staff and parents.

- David is on the governing body of both Isleham and Fordham
- Our Ministry Team leads Collective Acts of Worship weekly in all three schools
- We hold special school services in our churches to celebrate Christingle, Christmas, Easter and Harvest
- David and Sue lead special class visits in our churches for children to learn about our faith and worship, and also visit classes in school to talk about specific topics

Highlights of 2017

Isleham School achieved an 'Outstanding' rating last April for the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report.

Fordham School had a special Christingle service at Candlemas led by Bishop Stephen, followed by a blessing of the new building.

The Christingle Services at Isleham and Kennett raised an amazing total of £722.59 for the Church of England Children's Society.

Children from all three schools donated a tremendous number of items for our local Foodbank as part of their Harvest Worship .

Sue Potts, Associate Priest, Three Rivers Group
March 2018

Messy Church and Holiday Club Report

Our Three Rivers' Messy Church continues to thrive. We meet on the second Sunday of every month from 3.30-5.30 in Fordham Church. Each month we explore a different theme or Bible story, for example in March we focused on Mothering Sunday. Each session consists of 4 or 5 different activities related to the theme, then a short story and worship time led by Revd Sue and we finish with a simple meal. Children (and adults!) of all ages are very welcome, with different activities for little ones and older children. It is lovely to see so many children and their parents'/grandparents/aunties/uncles enjoying themselves whilst also learning more about God's love for them. We have a fantastic team of willing volunteers without whom we couldn't run our Messy Church and now have three junior helpers too which is brilliant. In the past year some members of our team have been to Messy Church training sessions in Cambridge, led by Lucy Moore, the founder of Messy Church. Last April a few of us attended a session on 'Messy Hospitality' which was very interesting and two of us also attended a different session on 'Discipleship in Messy Church.'

For the last five years we have also run a very successful summer Holiday club for children aged rising 5-11 years. We hold our Holiday Club at the Victoria Hall in Fordham during the second week of the school summer holidays. The Holiday Club is open to children from all the five parishes and we advertise in the three schools and parish magazines. For the last couple of years we have limited our numbers to 40 children and places get booked up very quickly! The Holiday club runs for four mornings and concludes with a 'Revue and Hot-dog/Ice-cream Social' for the children and their families and friends on the Friday afternoon. This year our theme is 'Down by the Sea' and will run from Monday 31st July (set up) until Friday 3rd August with the celebration service on Sunday 5th August. We are having our first planning meeting in a couple of weeks; if you would like to join our brilliant team please do speak to Revd Sue as we'd love to have you on the team!

Janine Taylor. March 2018

**Three Rivers Expenses
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decemebr 2017**

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Chippenham PCC	1,920.00	Secretary's Wages	2,792.00
Fordham PCC	2,616.00	Copying	1,663.20
Isleham PCC	1,800.00	Marriage Lunches	141.30
Kennett PCC	240.00	Sunday School Books	247.59
Snailwell PCC	960.00	Computer Paper	54.96
Donations for Easter Eggs	184.00	Computer Purchase	500.00
Messy Church	458.95	Rev Sue Potts Expenses	708.75
Holiday Club	193.50	Holiday Club	307.76
Rev Mike Banyard Retirement Service	554.90	Messy Church	245.66
Donations for Mike and Helen Banyard	2,035.00	Group Course Evangelism	30.00
		Student Cross Food	80.79
		RSCM	134.00
		Baptism Candles	78.03
		Palm Crosses	69.40
		Easter Eggs	129.28
		Pastoral Care	44.97
		Confirmation and Baptism Stationery	30.93
		Fee Account Stamps and Ledger	50.01
		Presentation to Rev Mike Banyard	2,000.00
		Bouquet for Helen Banyard	35.00
		Rev Mike Banyard Retirement Party	439.50
		Rector Interviews Lunch	36.10
		Rev David Cleugh Initiation Service & Eats	265.44
		Surplus for the year	877.68
	10,962.35		10,962.35

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2017

Assets	
Bank Account	4,543.35
Totals	4,543.35

I hereby Certify that I have prepared these accounts to the best of my knowledge

A.G.Page Treasurer



Represented by
Balance brought forward 2016
Plus surplus for the year

3,665.67
877.68
4,543.35

I confirm that I have independently examined the accounts and they appear to be a true record

P.Mead Independent Examiner



The Three Rivers Group continues to meet on a regular basis. Meetings are held in either afternoons or evenings, and occasionally in the mornings. To cater for all our members, the venues are also spread round the Three Rivers Parish, To get non driving members to meetings we have we have some generous drivers who offer transport. Our membership list at the moment stands at 23. And we usually have an attendance at meetings of 15/18. Last year we were pleased to enroll one new member, David Potts was enrolled in a service at Chippenham Church in November. Sadly we lost two members when Helen and Mike Banyard retired, but we were pleased to welcome David Cleugh, who is already a member.

We have had speakers on subjects such as Mother's Union Fundraising and Communications, Hope for Justice, Mother's Union Action and Outreach, and our most recent speaker told of the people who had most influenced him.

Action and Outreach is a big part of Mother's Union, and in the Three Rivers Group we keep this up by visiting members who are unable to attend meetings, keeping them up to date with latest news letters and publications. We also try to visit those who for whatever reason are unable to get out. In Three Rivers we have a band of very keen 'Knitters' and it is a joy to take bags of beautifully knitted jumpers, hats, gloves and premature baby wear to the Diocesan Meetings held in March and October every year. These are then sent to various projects overseas and to maternity units in the Diocese.

Fund raising is through Lent Lunches, held at Fordham, Isleham and Chippenham. Bring and Buy stalls and raffles are held at most of our meetings and we also hold Coffee Mornings. From these events during our last financial year we were able to donate over £800 to various overseas projects, and also £200 to a Deanery member who ran the London Marathon to promote the Mother's Union.

Members have joined in and taken part in the Deanery organized events, the Evening Garden Party at the Bishops Garden in June was a lovely evening, the Mary Sumner Garden Party held at Isleham was held indoors as it rained all day. Our second Deanery Advent Carol service at Soham was most enjoyable as was the lunch which followed. Lady Day Service is always a great occasion this

year held at Burwell. As well as the organized events we have enjoyed informal coffee and tea meetings at our local garden centres.

Without a Branch Leader the group is run by a committee who meet regularly to keep the program on track and sort out any problems. So many thanks to all the committee and hopefully we can continue the great work of the Mother's Union here in Three Rivers.

3 Rivers Group Fees Account

1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017

Income		Expenditure	
Funerals	8,121. 80	Fordham PCC	6561.60
Weddings	12,002. 00	Chippenham PCC	2225. 00
Memorials	747. 00	Snailwell pcc	694. 00
Interment of Ashes	873. 60	Isleham pcc	2038. 60
Renewal of Vows	325. 00	Kennett pcc	267. 00
Misc. Banns	41. 00	Organists	1035. 00
		Vergers	435. 00
		Clergy	4429. 00
		St Peters Choir	400. 00
		St Peters Bells	450. 00
		EDBF	3158. 20
		Misc. Return of	
		Overpayments	117. 00
TOTALS	22,110. 40		21,810. 40
Less Payments	<u>(21,810. 40)</u>		
	£ 300. 00		

Outstanding Balance pre-payment for 2018 Wedding

NB. EDBF – Ely Diocesan Board of Finance