

**St Vigor, Fulbourn; St Nicholas,
Great Wilbraham; St John, Little Wilbraham;
and St George, Six Mile Bottom
Diocese of Ely**

**Sunday 10th December, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent, Year B**

We are a group of four churches in the Diocese of Ely seeking to worship God faithfully, and to serve Him in all that we do. If you are visiting or if this is your first time worshipping with us, we would love to meet you. Welcome!

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and forever.



This Advent devotes two consecutive Sundays to the ministry of John the Baptist, presenting back-to-back parallel texts from the Gospels of Mark and John. In Mark's Gospel, John the Baptist is an Old Testament figure. His clothing is based on descriptions of Elijah in 2 Kings 1:8; in some sense, Mark believes that John is Elijah, who has returned just as Malachi said he would (Mark 9:9-13; cf. Malachi 4:5-6).

The most important scripture for understanding the Baptist, however, is Isaiah 40:1-11, our first lesson. God is coming to His people. God gives directions for the way to be prepared. By whom? By the people God wants to visit? No, by God's own servants. God does not say, 'Tell the people to get ready and when they have done so, I will come to them.' God says, 'Prepare the way! I am coming to my people (whether they are ready or not).' The Lord says, 'I will come to my people, and nothing will keep me from them. Mountains will be torn down, valleys will be filled in, rough places made smooth -- whatever it takes!' It's hard not to be reminded of the old Diana Ross song, 'Ain't no mountain high enough'. The time of promise is drawing to a close. The time of fulfilment is near.

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Opening hours:

Monday 1:30-4:30pm,

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30am-4:30pm,

Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm.

Volunteers always needed!

Children's Ministry

- **Sunday School** meets **EVERY SUNDAY** at **11:00am** at Fulbourn Church in the Sunday School Room.
- **St Vigor's Baby Dragons** (baby & toddler group) meets Tuesdays in term time, 9:30am in the Fulbourn Centre. £1.50 for 1 adult + 1 child, 50p for each additional child.
- **Parent and Baby Group** meets Wednesdays 2 - 3pm at Twelve. Please note no meeting on 13th December

Parish Magazine

To submit something for **The Mill**, Fulbourn's monthly Parish Magazine, please contact the editor, Peter Woor, by 15th of each month at peter.woor1@virginmedia.co.uk or on 880450. For copies (large or standard print), please collect from Twelve.

Fellowship Groups

Coffee and Chat: First Monday of the month, 10:30am-12:30pm at 53 High Street, Great Wilbraham.

Bible Study group on first and third Mondays of the month at 20 Angle End, Great Wilbraham, starting around 1.30 p.m. Next meeting: December 18th.

The Word Together: Ecumenical Bible Study on the third Tuesday of the month, 2:30pm at the URC. December meeting will be on 12th.

Theology on Tap: Discussion group on the last Thursday of the month, 7:30 until 9 pm at The Six Bells Public House in Fulbourn. **There will be no Theology on Tap in December.**

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If have you a notice to for upcoming weekly sheets, please contact Bethan in Twelve by Wednesday evening. (Tel 01223 882070 or fwparishassistant@gmail.com)

This Week:

Sunday 10th December

- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 09:00 Holy Communion at **LW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F**
- 14:45 Home Close Service at **F**
- 18:00 Evensong at **F**

Monday 11th December

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**

Tuesday 12th December

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**

Wednesday 13th December

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**
- 09:20 Wee Worship (Iona Morning Prayer) at **GW**
- 15:45 Wednesday Church at **GW**

Thursday 14th December

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**

Friday 15th December

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 17th December

- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 09:30 Holy Communion at **GW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F**
- 14:45 Home Close Carol Service at **F**
- 15:00 Carols by Candlelight at **LW**
- 18:30 Carols by Candlelight at **F**

Thursday 21st December

- 19:30 Blue Christmas Service at **F**

Sunday 24th December

- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 15:00 Carols by Candlelight at **GW**
- 16:00 Crib Service at **F**
- 23:00 Midnight Mass at **F**
- 23:00 Midnight Mass at **LW**

Monday 25th December

- 08:00 Christmas Day Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 09:30 Christmas Day Holy Communion at **GW**
- 11:00 Christmas Day Holy Communion at **F**
- 15:00 Christmas Day Holy Communion at **SMB**

Sunday 31st December

- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 09:30 Holy Communion at **SMB**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F**

Notices and Events:

Brenda Ferguson's funeral will be at **St Vigor's** on **Thursday, December 14 at 10 am**: please note change of time.

Fun for all ages! **Carol Singing** (with mince pies and mulled wine) in **The Six Bells. Friday 15th December at 6 pm.**

Raise your voices to help vulnerable children be heard. **Carol singing** meeting at the **Wilbraham Social Club** (See Wilbrahams website for route), **19th Decemeber at 6pm.** Contact raikswilb@btinternet.com for information. Funds in aid of the Children's Society.

On **Thursday the 21st December** will be the **Blue Christmas Service**, a service of seasonal readings and hymns for those who find Christmas a difficult, sad or lonely time.

The Benefice Advent Course will continue on **Wednesdays** through Advent at **7:30, in Twelve.** Following Stephen Cottrell's book, 'Walking Backwards to Christmas,' with an imaginative reflection, a Bible reading, and prayers to explore Advent more deeply. There is a day time course in the Wilbrahams at **53 High Street, Great Wilbraham beginning at 1.30** (for a 2 pm start). Please let Lorna Carr (882107) if you intend to come.

Christmas Flowers: Donations towards the costs of the flowers for the Christmas period will be gratefully received. See Mary Chaplin or leave a marked sealed envelope in Twelve. Thank you.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at Holy Communion. If you require one, please tell the sidesperson when you come in.