

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

Sunday 17th December, 2017
Third 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 Jesus Christ,
Who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers
and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



Today, the 3rd Sunday of Advent is known traditionally in the Western church as 'Gaudete Sunday.' Gaudete means 'Rejoice!' For two weeks we have been waiting in trepidation, with warnings of judgement ringing in our ears. This week we are reminded of the joy of the redemption which we have been promised. All our readings emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming. If we have rose and violet Advent candles, today is the day to light the rose-coloured one. If we had rose-coloured vestments, today would be the day to bring them out. If we had a bottle of pink champagne, this would be the day we'd serve it after the service in place of tea and coffee. We are to know and feel that things are going right, that our star is on the rise. Again this week we hear John the Baptist being questioned about who he is and what he's up to. And at the end of our gospel, I imagine John having to stifle his joy as he says 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' John knew that better days were coming.

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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. We will return on the 9th January.
- **Parent and Baby Group** meets Wednesdays 2 - 3pm at Twelve. Please note, next meeting will be the 10th Jan.

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.

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 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**

Monday 18th December

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

Tuesday 19th December

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

Wednesday 20th December

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

Thursday 21st December

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

Friday 22nd December

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

Forthcoming Services

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:

Raise your voices to help vulnerable children be heard. **Carol singing** meeting at the **Wilbraham Social Club** (See Wilbrahams website for route), **19th December 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. **St Vigor's Church, 7:30pm**.

The last installment of the **Benefice Advent Course** will be on **Wednesday 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 on **Fridays** 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.

St Nicholas's, Great Wilbraham is **collecting** necessities and Christmas treats for the guests at **Jimmy's Night Shelter**. They have requested toiletries (gift packs), reusable razors and blades, socks, underwear (female and male), brushes and combs (male and female), chocolates and sweets for stockings, toiletry bags, shower sponges, notepads and pens, puzzle books, adult colouring books, hats, gloves and scarves, pet stockings (for dogs) – bowls, blankets, leads, collars, coats (S, M and L), treats and toys, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sandwich fillings (e.g. meat or fish paste, canned meats and fish), snacks, crisps, biscuits, cheese crackers etc, biscuits and cakes, juice and squash, marmite, peanut butter, DVDs or Boardgames. Please bring donations to the church.

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

Wednesday Church will restart on the **10th January** at **St Nicholas'**, at 3:30pm for 3:45 start. **Baby Dragons** will return on the **9th January**.

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