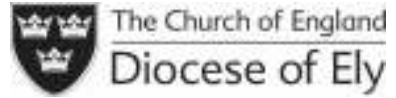


# Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



St Vigor's Fulbourn, St Nicholas' Great Wilbraham,  
St John's Little Wilbraham, St George's Six Mile Bottom

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020:** Palm Sunday

**Welcome!** *Due to the coronavirus outbreak there are no services of public worship taking place. But we remain a church community, and one committed to making God's healing love present in these parishes. The churches are closed but our hearts are open.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the  
human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his  
resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



In Matthew's account of Palm Sunday, there are two groups of people in Jerusalem: the ones throwing their coats and palm branches onto the road as Jesus passes by, and the ones asking quizzically, 'Who is this?' As a church we process and sing and wave our palm crosses with the first group. We also, as a church, ask that question, and we ask it all week long: 'Who is this?' Who is this, hailed by peasants and lepers and cripples and prostitutes and day labourers as messiah? Who is this who rides into the city like a king? Who is this whose devoted followers soon turn on him, as the disciples disperse, his friend denies, and the crowds accuse? Who is this who is tried by both the civil and the religious

guardians of the peace, and found to be a danger to civil society? Who is this who is dragged through the streets of Jerusalem? Who is this, nailed on a cross, between two robbers? The sign above his head tells us who he is: INRI: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

## Readings this week

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Morning</b>
Isaiah 50.4-9a
Philippians 2.5-11
Matthew 26.14-end of 27
<b>Evening</b>
Psalms 61,62
Zechariah 9.9-12
Luke 16.19-end

## Children's ministry

**Sunday School, St Vigor's Baby Dragons, Wednesday Church, and Parent and Baby Group** – are all suspended for the time being. But see below: we are now sending material to you!

## Contacts

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# Notices

**Dear friends, we have received our instructions from the government. For reasons of safety, the church buildings are closed until further notice.**

Please contact us—Alice, Miles, Steve, Rob, or your church wardens - if you are ill, if you are lonely, if you need anything. Do not hesitate to ask. Our contact details are on this sheet, in The Mill, and on our website.

**We are circulating more material for families** to continue their creative exploration of the gospel at home. This week: Easter Garden instructions!

**Twelve will now remain closed**, for the duration of the lockdown. Sorry about that. 'Twelve Green Bottles' and everything else will return after this lockdown.

**We are part of a growing community network** that will enable mutual support in the coming weeks, with neighbours collecting shopping and encouraging one another by phone. Search 'Fulbourn Community Aid' on Facebook or email [fulbourncommunityaid@gmail.com](mailto:fulbourncommunityaid@gmail.com), either to offer help or to ask for it. Or call the helpline, 01223665051. Or visit the website, [www.whatwillhelp.org/fulbourn](http://www.whatwillhelp.org/fulbourn) and sign up.



**St Vigor's has a Facebook page**, where we post some content and short sermons when we can. We've had a few 'thoughts for the day'. Go to Facebook and search 'St Vigor's Church Fulbourn'. Facebook for the Wilbrahams churches is coming soon!

**What if everyone on Sunday April 5, in the morning**, puts a branch on the door of their house or on the window, to celebrate Palm Sunday? It could be any green branch you can find. This would help, despite the social distancing, to be connected as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks. Do join in! We may be physically isolated, but not separated. We are united as the body of Christ. We are the Church.

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