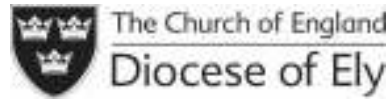


Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

5 May 2024: Easter 6

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy 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 forever.

On this Sunday before Ascension, at the beginning of Christian Aid week, all our readings ask us to consider God's love. Jesus tells his followers that while they abide in his love, which is the infinite, self-giving love between the three Persons of the Trinity, they abide in him, and he, through the Spirit, is in them. We are not left as orphans, looking up to heaven sad-eyed with drooping mouths.

God's love is free, full, powerful, and gentle. Jesus invites us to see all of our relationships transformed in the image of that love; a love in which no one is anonymous or dispensable, no one is cast aside as irredeemable, and everyone exercises the kind of relaxed and joyful generosity that happens when nobody is keeping score. That's why the believers in Acts share with fellow Christians on the other side of the world as freely as they'd share with their own family. Jesus's 'farewell discourse' from John's gospel, from which our gospel this week is taken, tells the disciples over and over again, 'abide in my love'. God's love is our native element; it's what we were made for.



Services in the benefice this coming week

5 May 2024: 6th Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) **F**
- 9.30 'Come and Join' Christian Aid Breakfast **GW**
- 11.00 Parish Communion **F**
- 6.00 Evensong **F**

Wednesday 8 May

- 9.15 Wild Goose Worship **GW**

Thursday 9 May: Ascension Day

- 9:00 Holy Communion **F**

Friday 10 May

- 8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Sunday 12 May 7th Sunday of Easter

- 9.30 Parish Communion **LW**
- 11.00 Parish Communion **F**

Readings for Sunday

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-end
1 John 5.1-6
John 15.9-17

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end
1 John 5.9-13
John 17.6-19

Evensong: Psalm 45, Song of Songs 4.16-5.2, 8.6-7, Revelation 3.14-end

Children's ministry

There is Sunday School at every 11 am service at St Vigor's. In addition, Sunday School materials are sent out each week in our weekly email.

Notices

The Revd Anna Jones, Chaplain of Queens' will be preaching and presiding at the 11 o'clock Eucharist at St Vigor's today. Please come and welcome her!

On Sunday 19th May we will celebrate Pentecost together with a Benefice Eucharist Service at St George's, Six Mile Bottom, at 11am followed by a bring and share picnic lunch. There will be children's activities available. Lifts available if needed. Speak to Alice, Sian or Emma if you would like a lift to St George's. There will also be Evensong at St Vigor's, 6pm that day.

Wednesday Church will run on Wednesday 8th May (Ascension) and will also run on Wednesday 22nd May (Pentecost), 3.15-4.30pm at St Nicholas', Great Wilbraham.

Bible Study with Emma will restart on Monday 20th May. More details to follow.

First Communion: Are you, or do you know, a child who would like to receive communion? We will be beginning First Communion preparation at St Vigor's after the Easter holidays. Please speak to Emma or Alice if you're interested.

There will be a **church cleaning morning at St Vigor's on Saturday 11th May**. All help very warmly welcomed, and refreshments will be provided. Speak to Emma if you are able to help.

There will be a **Bridge Drive for the Children's Society on Monday 17th June, 1.45-5.00pm in the Wilbrahams' Village Hall**. Tickets are £18. Help with refreshments from 2.45pm would be greatly appreciated as people can't serve tea and play bridge at the same time! Contact Diana Raikes (01223 881065/07973460898) or Jackie Beadsmore (01223 880889) for more details, to offer help, or request tickets.

Ely Cathedral Free Parish Passes: For anyone interested in getting a pass for Ely Cathedral, you can apply by downloading the form (link below & hard copies available at the back of St Vigor's). Bring the completed form into the Cathedral during visiting times. There is no expiry date on the new passes. <https://www.elycathedral.org/plan-your-visit/visitor-tickets-and-tours/free-cathedral-entry>

Children who sing! We are always on the lookout for **more children to join our choristers** at St Vigor's! The children get free singing and music theory lessons, get to be part of a team, pizza provided at rehearsals and they are paid pocket money for singing at services! We welcome all children, 7-18 years old. If you know of any children who might be interested in joining the choir, please contact Sian, as Choir Administrator (fulbournchoirs@gmail.com), for more details. We always welcome new adult members too!

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