

Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

10 March 2024: Fourth Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

John 3:16, everyone's favourite Bible verse. But I wonder whether, if people thought about what this verse says, it might just prove to be a verse we'd rather avoid. After all, Jesus says 'everyone who believes...' will have eternal life, which perhaps suggests a different outcome for those who don't believe. But read on, for in the next verse Jesus says, 'God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.' The judgment to come is the crisis that befalls those who will not come out of the darkness for fear of the light. Not judgment as punishment, but judgment as crisis, as tragedy, as loss. God comes in love to redeem such loss, turn such tragedy into victory, and demonstrate true power through vulnerability and sacrifice. And that is the reason we might not name this as our favourite verse if we gave it any real thought, as our world operates according to the view that security comes through strength, not vulnerability. So, sacrifice? Sure, when we can afford to. Love our enemies? Maybe if everything else is taken care of first. Vulnerability? Only if there is no other choice.



Services in the benefice this coming week

Fourth Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday

9:30 Parish Communion **LW**

11.00 Parish Communion **F**

Wednesday 13 March

9.15 Wild Goose Worship **GW**

Thursday 14 March

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 15 March

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Fifth Sunday in Lent: Passiontide begins

9:30 Parish Communion **GW**

11.00 Parish Communion **F**

6.00 Evensong **F**

Readings for Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Numbers 21.4-9

Ephesians 2.1-10

John 3.14-21

Fifth Sunday in Lent: Passiontide begins

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Hebrews 5.5-10

John 12.20-33

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

Lent Study Group: We'll be discussing *Lent with the Beloved Disciple* by Michael Marshall. We'll look at the Passion narrative in the Gospel of St John, at St Nicholas', at 2.30pm on five Mondays in Lent: 19 and 26 February, 4, 11, and 18 March. It is helpful, but not essential, to have a copy of the book. No previous experience of Bible study is necessary. Led by Emma Bourne.

Lent Lunches: We have Lent Lunches scheduled for Thursday 14 March at St Vigor's and Wednesday 20th March at 19 School Lane, Fulbourn, all at 12.30. Looking for one more host. Contact Emma!

Wednesday Church will be meeting at St Nicholas'. 13th March, and 27th March, all at 3.15pm.

Easter Flowers at St Vigor's: If you wish to donate to help make St Vigor's gorgeous at Easter, please give your contribution, in a labelled envelope, to Jean Doe—or leave it for her in Twelve.

Mulberry One, the acute assessment unit at Fulbourn Hospital, is in desperate need of the following items: New/unused toiletries (travel size is great too!), New/unused brushes, combs and hairbands, Nail varnish, Board games, New/unworn underwear (all sizes, male, female), Hats and gloves, Jigsaw puzzles. Art Supplies. **If you can help, please bring them to St Vigor's or to Twelve, with a note saying MULBERRY WARD.**

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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