

Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams

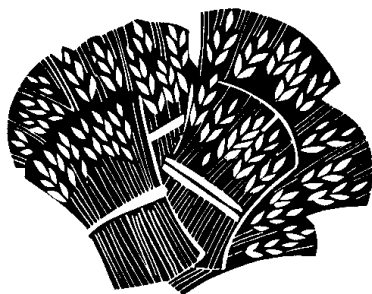


St Vigor's Fulbourn, St Nicholas' Great Wilbraham,
St John's Little Wilbraham, St George's Six Mile Bottom

13 October 2024: Harvest Thanksgiving.

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Harvest Festival was the brilliant invention of one man, the great, eccentric, Cornish clergyman Robert Hawker (1803-1875). The year was 1843; the Corn Laws had not yet been repealed, and the harvest was good. A good harvest, at a time when the law inhibited the import of grain from elsewhere, meant affordable bread for those who worked on the land and in the mills. A good harvest was a real cause for thanksgiving. So the Vicar of Morwenstow announced a Harvest Thanksgiving on the first Sunday in October, and bread made from the first cut of wheat was consecrated for the parish's Holy Communion. It's worth noting that the sense of the harvest as the great day of the Lord, the day of revelation and judgement, has always been secondary to the sense of simple thanksgiving for God's good gifts, and its expression in generosity to those in need.



Services in the benefice this coming week

Sunday 13 October Harvest Thanksgiving

9:30 Harvest Festival Communion **LW**

11:00 Harvest Festival Communion **F**

Tuesday 15 October

7:00 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day Service **F**

Wednesday 16 October

9:30 Wild Goose Worship **GW**

Thursday 17 October

8:30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 18 October

8:30 Morning Prayer **F**

Sunday 20 Trinity 21 Proper 24

9:30 Parish Communion **GW**

11:00 Parish Communion **F**

6:00 Evensong **F**

Readings for Sunday

Harvest Festival

Joel 2.21-27

1 Timothy 6.6-10

Matthew 6.25-35

Trinity 21, Proper 24

Isaiah 53.4-end

Hebrews 5.1-10

Mark 10.35-45

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

With Autumn comes Harvest! This year again we're going to be collecting for Jimmy's in Cambridge. Please keep your eyes open for their list of needed items, or go to this link:
<https://www.jimmyscambridge.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Suggested-donations.pdf>

Emily Clough, our new Pastoral Assistant, will be running a course about Iconography on **Mondays, 2.30pm in St Nicholas', starting on 7 October** and through October and November. All welcome!

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day: There will be a short and simple service of remembrance at St Vigor's with the lighting of candles on 15 October at 7 pm.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Baby Dragons, our group for babies and toddlers and the adults who care for them, meets at the Townley Hall on Tuesday mornings. It's attended and valued by families from the length and breadth of the benefice. We're looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help with the setting-up, the putting away, and serving simple refreshments with a smile. Please contact Alice.

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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