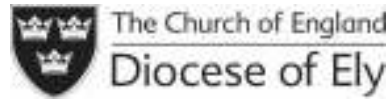


# Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

**28 April 2024: Easter 5**

**Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

'I am the vine, you are the branches,' Jesus says. The fundamental point made here is that the relationship of Christ and Christians is a moral one. If it does not express itself in love and service, it does not exist at all. We are related, Christ and Christians, Lord and disciples, not through blood but by love. The sap of the vine is love. It is for Philip to explain to the Ethiopian that being a eunuch doesn't make him a fruitless branch; he too can be grafted into Christ and flourish. Useless branches will be burned. It's an awful thought, but Jesus's words are filled with the persuasion that the love of the Father will not let us go. 'Abide in me, as I abide in you,' Jesus says. 'Abiding' is a favourite word in John's Gospel. It refers to ideas like 'dwelling,' 'being,' 'bearing witness.' Love is a task as well as a gift.



## Services in the benefice this coming week

### 28 April 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:30 Matins **LW**

11.00 Parish Communion **F**

### Wednesday 1 May

9.15 Wild Goose Worship **GW**

### Thursday 2 May

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

### Friday 3 May

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

### Sunday 5 May 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## Readings for Sunday

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.26-end

1 John 4.7-end

John 15.1-8

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 10.44-end

1 John 5.1-6

John 15.9-17

## 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

**Mulberry One, the acute assessment unit at Fulbourn Hospital, is in need of the following items:** New/unused toiletries, New/unused brushes, combs and hairbands, Nail varnish, Board games, 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.**

**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.

**On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> May and will also run on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 3.15-4.30pm at St Nicholas', Great Wilbraham.**

**Bible Study** with Emma will restart on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. More details to follow.

**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](mailto:fulbournchoirs@gmail.com)), for more details. We always welcome new adult members too!

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