

Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

August 31 2025: Trinity 11 Proper 17

**O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.
Amen**

'People who we need to attract to church buildings need to know that seating will be comfortable,' wrote one angry lady in response to the news that a church in Warwickshire was not going to be allowed to replace its pews with upholstered chairs. In my experience the churches with cinema-style seating and cup-holders aren't looking to attract old ladies with bony bottoms and old gentlemen with prostate problems. They want people who already are comfortable to find the comforts of home when they come to worship. Our Lord does, actually, have something to say about the places we choose to sit when we come to a banquet, and it's in our gospel this week. And he has things to say about whom we need to welcome as well—not just our relatives, or the people we want to impress—but the ragged, the hungry, the disabled, and those pushed to the margins. Give them places of honour, He says—and cushions, he might have added.



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 31 August: Trinity 11 Proper 17

11:00 Benefice Communion with Sunday School **F**
6:00 Festal Evensong with the blessing and rededication of the church by the Archdeacon of Cambridge. **Six Mile Bottom.**

Wednesday 3 September

9:00 Morning Prayer (BCP) **GW**

Thursday 4 September

8:30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 5 September

8:30 Morning Prayer **F**

Sunday 7 September, Trinity 12, Proper 18

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP) **F**
9:30 'Come and Join' **GW**
11:00 Parish Communion with Sunday School **F**
6:00 Evensong **F**

Readings for Sunday

Trinity 11, Proper 17

Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16
Luke 14.1,7-14

Trinity 12, Proper 18

Deuteronomy 30.15-end
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14.25-33

Evensong: Psalm 119.81-88, Isaiah 33.13-22, John 3.22-36

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

THIS EVENING! The place: St George's Six Mile Bottom. The service: Sung Evensong, with the Ven. Alex Hughes preaching and rededicating the restored church. Refreshments will be served. 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' (Genesis 28.17)

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of David Lee will be held at St Nicholas' on Friday 5 September at 2pm. If you would like to sing in the choir at this service, please contact David Poulter, dccm.fulbourn@gmail.com

Bring your backpacks, school bags, pencil cases, and briefcases to the 11 am Eucharist at St Vigor's on 14 September for a blessing for the new school year!

The **St Vigor's Youth Forum**, for members of our churches between the ages of 12-18 (years 7-13) will be at 9:30 at St Vigor's on the 4th Sunday of the month. A place to bring your hard questions about faith and society. Next meeting will be on **21 September**.

The next 'Come and Sing Choral Evensong' at St Vigor's will be on 28 September. Please contact Sian Hornby if you'd like to join in.

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