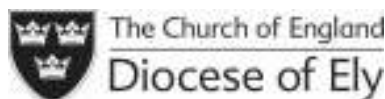


# Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

## 17 March 2024: Fifth Sunday in Lent: Passiontide Begins

**Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 for ever.**

Carved, painted, printed out and taped onto pulpits in churches around the world, the words 'We want to see Jesus'. The scene starts with some Greeks wanting to see Jesus. Word of Jesus, and simultaneously Jesus' word of grace, has reached far and wide enough for Jesus to feel confident that this part of his mission is complete and he can now move to Jerusalem sure that he has drawn, and will draw, all persons to himself. Jesus declares that the hour has come, the hour of his glory. We've been waiting a long time for this hour and time, mainly because Jesus keeps saying it has not yet come (see John 2:4, 7:6, 7:8, 8:20). But now it has – the hour of glory has arrived. But 'glory' is not what we might think. It is not, that is, Eurovision glory or Cheltenham Gold Cup glory. It is the glory of the cross, suffering, obedience. It is not glory as the world would define it. Amid the ever-decaying physical world there is a God who continues to be at work wresting life from death, and who surprises us by being able to redeem even the deepest pain, assuring us that while God never desires that we suffer, yet God can work through that suffering for good. God is here. God is at work. God is not afraid of those parts of our lives that frighten us. God does not value us as the world does. God will not give up. God is on the side of life and love. And the love, mercy, and life God offers is stronger than the hate, judgment, and death that too often colours the world.



## Services in the benefice this coming week

### 17 March Fifth Sunday in Lent: Passiontide begins

9:30 Parish Communion **GW**  
11.00 Parish Communion **F**  
6.00 Evensong **F**

### Wednesday 20 March

9.15 Wild Goose Worship **GW**

### Thursday 21 March

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

### Friday 22 March

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

### Palm Sunday

9:30 Matins **LW**  
11.00 Palm Sunday Liturgy with procession **F**

## Readings for Sunday

### Fifth Sunday in Lent: Passiontide begins

Jeremiah 31.31-34  
Hebrews 5.5-10  
John 12.20-33

### Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a  
Philippians 2.5-11  
Mark 14.1-15.7

**Evensong:** Psalm 34.1-10, Exodus 7.8-24, Romans 5.12-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

**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: Monday 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:** Our last Lent Lunch is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30. Contact Emma.

**Wednesday Church will be meeting at St Nicholas' on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

**St Vigor's Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (APCM) will be on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April in the church and starting at 7.00 pm. All very welcome. The APCM report will be available, printed and online, in advance. **St Nicholas' APCM** will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7pm with refreshments and a slide show in the church.

**Our Music & Readings for Holy Week Service** will be in St Vigor's on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Join the Parish Choir (and friends) for some exquisite music for Passiontide including Lotti Curcifixus, Tallis Salvator Mundi and Sarah MacDonald's Crux Fidelis paired with readings selected by the Rector. All welcome.

**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.**

**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!

**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>

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