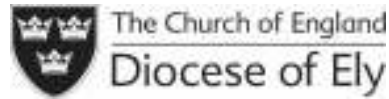


Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

12 May 2024: Easter 7: The Sunday after Ascension

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus had supper with his friends. We know these words from the Eucharistic prayer. He spoke to them and prayed for them; we have read from that conversation in our Gospel over the past two weeks. But he didn't just pray for them. He prayed for us as well: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one" (John 17:20-21a, just after the point where today's gospel ends: it's always good to read around the readings) And what does he pray for? The same things he prayed for his friends: that we may find God's support and encouragement and that we may be one in fellowship with each other and God. These two things go together. As we gather to hear God's Word and to remind each other of God's promises, we are not only drawn together in deeper fellowship but also find the strength and courage to face the challenges that come from living in the world and bearing witness to the gospel of grace, abundance, courage, and love that is ours in and through Our Lord, the risen and ascended Christ. When we think of the Lord's Prayer, we of course think of the prayer Jesus taught his disciples and that we say each week. But there's a way in which this scene gives us *another* Lord's prayer, the prayer our Lord prayed -- and is still praying -- for us: that we might find the strength we need and be one. That, I think, is unbelievably cool.



Services in the benefice this coming week

12 May 2024: 7th Sunday of Easter

9.30 Parish Communion **LW**
11.00 Parish Communion **F**

Wednesday 15 May

9.15 Wild Goose Worship **GW**

Thursday 16 May

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 17 May

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Sunday 19 Pentecost/Whit Sunday

11.00 Benefice Eucharist **Six Mile Bottom**
2.00 Holy Baptism **F**
6.00 Evensong **F**

Readings for Sunday

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end
1 John 5.9-13
John 17.6-19

Pentecost/Whit Sunday

Acts 2.1-21
Romans 8.22-27
John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

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

On Sunday 19th 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 22nd May (Pentecost), 3.15-4.30pm at St Nicholas', Great Wilbraham.

Bible Study with Emma will restart on Monday 20th May. More details to follow.

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.

There will be a **Bridge Drive for the Children's Society on Monday 17th June, 1.45-5.00pm in the Wilbrahams' Village Hall.** Tickets are £18. Help with refreshments from 2.45pm would be greatly appreciated as people can't serve tea and play bridge at the same time! Contact Diana Raikes (01223 881065/07973460898) or Jackie Beadsmore (01223 880889) for more details, to offer help, or request tickets.

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!

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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