

**St Vigor, Fulbourn; St Nicholas,
Great Wilbraham; St John, Little Wilbraham;
and St George, Six Mile Bottom
Diocese of Ely**

**Sunday 19th November, 2017
Second Sunday Before Advent, Year A**

We are a group of four churches in the Diocese of Ely seeking to worship God faithfully, and to serve Him in all that we do. If you are visiting or if this is your first time worshipping with us, we would love to meet you. Welcome!

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.



The end is near! The year of Matthew is drawing to a close. The days are getting shorter and the Gospel passages are getting darker. We need to remember what Matthew is up to. Jesus, in this Gospel is named Emmanuel, God with us, in Matthew 1. He's the same Jesus who meets us in troubling texts 'until the end of the age.' The same Jesus who embraces the Father's grace in the lilies of the field holds tightly to an exceeding righteousness in the works of his disciples in the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew's gospel is not Mark's, or Luke's, or even Paul's. More than the others Matthew holds that judgment and ultimate exclusion are real possibilities for those who fail to translate words into deeds.

Here in parables of the end times, like today's Parable of the Talents, we run into judgment in the form of weeping and gnashing of teeth. This Gospel is willing to give judgment as an ultimate goad for good works. With these theological tensions in mind -- both Matthew's and ours -- we turn to the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30. God, the master, gives gifts; we steward them. Use them without fear, Matthew says.

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Opening hours:
Monday 1:30-4:30pm,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30am-4:30pm,
Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm.

Volunteers always needed!

Children's Ministry

- **Sunday School** meets **EVERY SUNDAY** at **11:00am** at Fulbourn Church in the Sunday School Room.
- **St Vigor's Baby Dragons** (baby & toddler group) meets Tuesdays in term time, 9:30am in the Fulbourn Centre. £1.50 for 1 adult + 1 child, 50p for each additional child.
- **Parent and Baby Group** meets every Wednesday between 2 and 3pm at Twelve.

Parish Magazine

To submit something for **The Mill**, Fulbourn's monthly Parish Magazine, please contact the editor, Peter Woor, by 15th of each month at peter.woor1@virginmedia.co.uk or on 880450. For copies (large or standard print), please collect from Twelve.

Fellowship Groups

Coffee and Chat: First Monday of the month, 10:30am-12:30pm at 53 High Street, Great Wilbraham.

Bible Study group on first and third Mondays of the month at 20 Angle End, Great Wilbraham, starting around 1.30 p.m. Upcoming dates: November 6th (please let us know whether you are coming on this occasion, tel 01223 880934.) November 20th, December 4th, 18th.

The Word Together: Ecumenical Bible Study on the third Tuesday of the month, 2:30pm contact 01223 562104 for venue.

Theology on Tap: Discussion group on the last Thursday of the month, 7:30 until 9 pm at The Six Bells Public House in Fulbourn.

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Zephaniah 1.7,12-18	889		
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This Week:

Sunday 19th November

- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 09:30 Holy Communion at **GW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F**
- 18:00 Evensong at **F**

Monday 20th November

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**

Tuesday 21st November

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**

Wednesday 22nd November

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**
- 09:20 Wee Worship (Iona Morning Prayer) at **GW**
- 15:45 Wednesday Church at **GW**

Thursday 23rd November

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**
- 18:00 All Souls Service at **LW**
- 19:30 All Souls Service at **F**

Friday 24th November

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 26th November

- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 09:30 Holy Communion at **LW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F**
- 14.45 Home Close Service at **F**

Sunday 3rd December

- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 09:30 Matins at **LW**
- 09:30 Come and Join at **GW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion Gift Service at **F**
- 18:00 Evensong at **F**

Saturday 9th December

- 15:00 Family Carol Service with Nativity at **SMB**

Sunday 10th December

- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F**
- 14:45 Home Close Service at **F**
- 18:00 Evensong at **F**

Sunday 17th December

- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 09:30 Holy Communion at **GW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F**
- 14:45 Home Close Carol Service at **F**
- 15:00 Carols by Candlelight at **LW**
- 18:30 Carols by Candlelight at **F**

If have you a notice to for upcoming weekly sheets, please contact Bethan in Twelve by Wednesday evening. (Tel 01223 882070 or fwparishassistant@gmail.com)

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at Holy Communion. If you require one, please tell the sidesperson when you come in.

Notices and Events:

The **St Vigor's Gift Service** will be on the **3rd December**. The lists of recipients for our Christmas gifts and hampers this year, will be at the back o the church, **during services, on Sundays 19th and 26th November**. Please sign up if you would like to take part.

Wednesday Church continues on **Wednesday, at St Nicholas's**: 3:15 for refreshments, **3:45** service begins.

Baby Dragons is looking for additional help to set up and tidy up after the group. We meet on **Tuesdays**, in term time. Set up is between 9:15am and 9:30 and tidy up time is around 11am.

The Benefice Advent Course will be on Wednesdays through Advent beginning **November 29th at 7:30, in Twelve**. Following Stephen Cottrell's book, 'Walking Backwards to Christmas,' with an imaginative reflection, a Bible reading, and prayers to explore Advent more deeply. The course will be each Wednesday in Advent.

Bethan will be doing an order of the book on the 15th November. If you would her to buy you a copy please sign up in Twelve or email her.

Christmas Flowers: Donations towards the costs of the flowers for the Christmas period will be gratefully received. See Mary Chaplin or leave a marked sealed envelope in Twelve. Thank you.