

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

**Sunday 17th September, 2017
14th Sunday After Trinity, Proper 19, 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!

Almighty God,
whose Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.



John Pridmore says about our Gospel today that ‘The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, recorded only in Matthew, is disquieting. “The kingdom of heaven”—the way God works—“may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.” Already we squirm. The parable transports us to the court of a despot—a world to escape from, rather than to learn from. More problematic still is the parable’s apparent contradiction of Jesus’s command to forgive seventy times seven. ‘The king in the story doesn’t even give his sinful servant a second chance before handing him over to be tortured—a last touch to keep us squirming.’ The parable exaggerates, as many of Jesus’s stories do: the hyperbole serves to highlight the greatness of God’s mercy. The main point of the parable is that there is an essential relationship between God’s forgiveness and our own readiness to forgive. There is more to this relationship than to say that my own forgiveness is conditional upon that which I mete out. No—as we forgive, so we find that we are forgiven, and as we are forgiven our hearts are enlarged to forgive.

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Twelve is our Church Centre and Shop, located at 15 High Street, Fulbourn.

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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 on Tuesdays, 9:30am in the Fulbourn Centre. £1.50 for 1 adult + 1 child, 50p for each additional child.
- **Mother 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 on 880450 or at peter.woor1@virginmedia.co.uk. 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.

The Word Together: Ecumenical Bible Study on the third Tuesday of the month, 2:30pm at the United Reformed Church.

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

This Week:

Sunday 17th September

- 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 18th September

- 08:30 Morning Prayer at **F**
- 19:30 Art and Bible Study at **GW**

Tuesday 19th September

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

Wednesday 20th September

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

Thursday 21st September

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

Friday 22nd September

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

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 24th September

- 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 1st October

- 08:00 Holy Communion (BCP) at **F**
- 09:30 Holy Communion at **SMB**
- 09:30 Come and Join at **GW**
- 09:30 Matins at **LW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F**
- 18:00 Evensong at **F**

Sunday 8th October

- 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**
- 18:00 Evensong at **F**

Sunday 15th October

- 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**

Notices and Events:

This Week

Please note **Bethan** is away from Tuesday lunchtime from the 5th until the 19th September.

The next **Community Lunch** is on the **20th September** at the **Townley Memorial Hall**. Please sign up in Twelve or call 882070. If you are able to volunteer to help please contact Bethan or Tim Vaughn-Lane.

The **Harvest Songs of Praise** will be at **5pm** on the **24th September** at St Nicholas', Great Wilbraham. Please come and join us. The songs will be followed by refreshments.

Coming Up

There will be a **Wine Tasting Evening** at **The Swifts**. **7:30pm on Saturday 30th September** organised by the friends of St Vigor's. £12 per person including finger buffet and raffle as well as some splendid wines! Please do join us.

The **Fulbourn Harvest Supper** will be on the **6th October** at **6pm in the Six Bells**. This will be a dinner followed by live music and dancing. £15.50 for Adults, pie and crumble, and £6 for children, sausage and mash and crumble. Free pint for pensioners. Tickets available from Twelve.

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