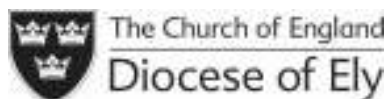


Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

7 April 2024: Easter 2

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and ickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Sunday after Easter is devoted to doubt. The story of Doubting Thomas is always read, no matter what year of the three year cycle we are in. Doubt is huge. And since the very first Easter, everyone has known doubt is important.

Doubt was part of the entire Easter picture, from Maundy Thursday right through Easter Day. Thomas wasn't there in the Upper Room when the disciples gathered there on the first day of the week. He wasn't there when Jesus came and amazed them all by eating a fish. And all their telling, all their amazement, did not dispel his scepticism. Yet there was enough faith in him to keep him from walking out and leaving their madness behind. He proclaims he has to touch those wounds in order to believe, but he stays with them. Thomas is a Greek name, and it means twin, though his twin, if he had one, never appears. Perhaps we are, each of us, his twin. Each of us has our nagging doubts that sometimes prompt us to get up and investigate a situation, and that sometimes hold us back. If Thomas's doubts are the most persistent, then he is our twin because our doubts persist, and they have the ability to lead us to new discoveries about ourselves and in our relationship with all that is holy.



Services in the benefice this coming week

7 April: Easter 2

9:30 'Come and Join' **GW**

11.00 Parish Communion **F**

Wednesday 10 April

9.15 Wild Goose Worship **GW**

14 April: Easter 3

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) **F**

9.30 Parish Communion **LW**

11.00 Parish Communion **F**

Readings for Sunday

Easter 2

Acts 4.32-35

1 John 1.1-22

John 20.19-end

Easter 3

Acts 3.12-19

1 John 3.1-7

Luke 24.36b-48

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

The Revd Anna Jones, Chaplain of Queens' College and former ordinand in this benefice will be presiding and preaching at the 11 o'clock service at St Vigor's this morning. We welcome her!

St Vigor's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be on Monday, 15th 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 17th April, starting at 7pm with refreshments and a slide show in the church.

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.**

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.

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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