# Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

### 27 April 2025 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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 wickedness 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. Amen

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

Sunday 27 April: The 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:30 Matins LW

11.00 Parish Communion **F** 

Wednesday 30 April

9:15 Wild Goose Worship **GW** 

Sunday 4 May: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP) **F** 9:30 'Come and Join' **GW** 

11.00 Parish Communion **F** 

6.00 Evensona **F** 

# **Readings for Sunday**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 5.27-32 Zephaniah 3.14-end

Revelation 1.4-8 Acts 9.1-20 John 20.19-end John 21.1-19

## 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**



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed!
A blessed and joyful
Easter to everyone
in our four villages!

The Revd Graham Dunn, Chaplain of St John's College, will be presiding and preaching at St Vigor's today; Ruth Bond will be leading Matins at St John's.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for St Nicholas' will be taking place at 7.30 pm in the church on Wednesday, 7 May. All are welcome to attend.

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