

# Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

August 24 2025: Trinity 10, Proper 16

**Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.  
Amen**

In our gospel today, Jesus heals a woman who has been crippled with a painful spinal condition for 18 years. It is the Sabbath, and, then as now, there is a dispute about whether this kind of healing—for the woman's life is not at risk—should be performed on the day of rest. A pivotal moment comes when the narrator identifies Jesus as 'the Lord.' Jesus' authority is elevated above that of the synagogue leader. He frames this healing as a matter of cosmological significance: on this holy day God is revealed through Jesus as the One who defeats the evil one. Liberation from bondage is a fundamental characteristic of God's realm. This passage challenges all who have settled into narrow interpretations of Scripture or ungenerous theological positions. To be stuck in a rut is not unlike being bent and crippled. Jesus liberates the synagogue leader here to think again about what it might mean to be brought out from slavery and made a new creation.



## Services in the Benefice

**Sunday 24 August: Trinity 10 Proper 16**

9:30 Matins **LW**

11:00 Parish Communion with Sunday School **F**

**Wednesday 27 August**

9:00 Morning Prayer (BCP) **GW**

**Sunday 31 August: Trinity 11 Proper 17**

11:00 Parish Communion with Sunday School **F**

6.00 Festal Evensong with the blessing and rededication of the church by the Archdeacon of Cambridge. **Six Mile Bottom.**

## Readings for Sunday

**Trinity 10, Proper 16**

Isaiah 58.9b-end  
Hebrews 12.18-end  
Luke 13.10-17

**Trinity 11, Proper 17**

Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18  
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14.1, 7-14

## 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 Dr Gordon Harper** will be presiding and preaching at St Vigor's this Sunday. Dr Harper has had a long and fruitful ministry in the north of England, and has retired to this diocese. His area of special interest is the Early Church, and he is said to preach excellent short sermons.

**Save the date!** 31<sup>st</sup> August, 6pm. The place: St George's Six Mile Bottom. The service: Sung Evensong, with the Ven. Alex Hughes preaching and rededicating the restored church. Refreshments will be served. 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' (Genesis 28.17)

**A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of David Lee** will be held at St Nicholas' on Friday 5 September at 2pm. If you would like to sing in the choir at this service, please contact David Poulter, [dccm.fulbourn@gmail.com](mailto:dccm.fulbourn@gmail.com)

Join us for **Coffee and Chat** mornings in aid of The Children's Society and St John's Church, on Wednesdays throughout August, 10.00am-12.00pm. On Wednesday 27 August it will be at St Nicholas' Church to benefit the Children's Society.

The **St Vigor's Youth Forum**, for members of our churches between the ages of 12-18 (years 7-13) will be at 9:30 at St Vigor's on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. A place to bring your hard questions about faith and society. Next meeting will be on **21 September**.

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