

Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

November 30: The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

'They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' From the earliest days of the Church, Isaiah has been recognized as the prophet who speaks most clearly of the coming of Christ. The Church Fathers loved today's text. For Irenaeus of Lyons, writing in 180 AD, the fact of the nations beating their weapons into instruments of peace was a sign that the word of the prophet was spoken of the Prince of Peace. Our Lord, he says, made the plough and introduced the pruning-hook. 'The plough refers to the creation of Adam and Eve, the sowing of the seed of humankind. The pruning-hook speaks of the gathering-in of the produce in the last times by the Word, and, for this reason, since Jesus joined the beginning to the end, and is Lord of both, he has finally joined the wood to the iron, as the Word is united to flesh and in its mechanism fixed with pins, he has reclaimed the savage earth.'



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 30 November: Advent 1

9:30 Holy Communion (BCP) **Six Mile Bottom**
11:00 Parish Communion with Sunday School **F**

Wednesday 3 December

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

Thursday 4 December

8:30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 5 December

8:30 Morning Prayer **F**

Sunday 7 December: Advent 2

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP) **F**
9:30 'Come and Join' **GW**
11:00 Parish Communion (with Sunday School) **F**

Readings for Sunday

The 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5
Romans 13.11-end
Matthew 24.36-44

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11.1-10
Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

Children's Ministry

There is Sunday School at every 11am service at St Vigor's. In addition, Sunday School materials are sent out each week in our weekly email.

Notices

Winter Festival Choral Concert: Next Sunday, 7 December, the Fulbourn Winter Festival concludes with a heartwarming recital of Festive Favourites in St. Vigor's from 5pm, sung by the Fulbourn Community Choir under the direction of Fulbourn Director of Church and Community Music, David Poulter, and The Perse School's Concert Voices under the direction of the school's Director of Music (and Fulbourn resident), Ben Wingfield. The concert is free to attend with a retiring collection.

Gift Service: This year's Gift Service at St Vigors will be on 14 December. The Cambridge Road manager has let Jo and David Gant know that the residents there would prefer 'treats', e.g. fancy chocolates, and 'gifts' e.g. small calendar, small jigsaws and puzzle books, simple cook book, brilliant socks, etc. N.B. NOT basic foodstuffs such as tins of baked beans, which they can easily obtain and nothing bigger than A4 paper size (or it won't fit in the gift bags). We would be especially grateful to receive gifts suitable for men. We've decided that this approach is also suitable for the village residents on our Christmas gift list.

Benefice Advent Course: 'The fashion of this world passeth away' – Advent Course run by Ben Hewitson at Twelve, Fulbourn on Thursdays 6:30-7:30, beginning 4th December. Exploring theology, history, scripture, and art. As the nights grow shorter, we look hopefully upon the light that suffers no change. All welcome!

The **St Vigor's Youth Forum**, for members of our churches between the ages of 12-18 (years 7-13) will be at 9:30pm at St Vigor's on the 4th Sunday of every month. A place to bring your hard questions about faith and society, facilitated by the two Bens and Alice.

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