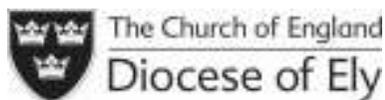


Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

Sunday 20th September: Trinity 15a, Proper 20

Welcome! An especial welcome if this is your first time worshipping with us, or your first time back in a while.

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Our gospel this Sunday is the parable of the workers in the vineyard, or, as it might better be called 'the parable of the prodigal employer;' the householder who is so generous that he pays a full day's wage to the fellows from the job centre whom he's brought in to help with the last hour's work. Much to the chagrin of those who have shining CVs and have laboured since the morning. The picture (above) illustrates this story. And our first lesson, from Jonah, enlarges and amplifies it. Jonah is the only book of the Bible to end with a question: 'Should I not take pity on Nineveh,' God asks, 'where there are so many silly people, and many animals as well?' Jonah is the brief and pointed story of a prophet who fled the presence of the Lord, taking passage on a boat going the opposite direction from the city he had been commanded to call to repentance. It wasn't the violence of Nineveh Jonah fled. It was God; specifically his awareness of the truth that God loves Nineveh too. Not to mention the truth that Jonah wanted to see Nineveh destroyed. That, after all, was what he'd stayed on the hillside to watch. God's question to Jonah is the same as the question with which our parable ends: 'Are you envious because I am generous?'

Notices and events

'Twelve' is open again: Monday afternoons, Tuesdays, Thursday mornings, and Saturdays.

St Vigor's and St Nicholas's will have their Harvest Festivals on 4 October, and St John's will have their Harvest the following week. This Harvest our benefice will again be collecting for Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge. Let's be God's tribute act: and imitate his generosity in love and gratitude. A full list of Jimmy's most wanted items will be displayed outside church and in the window of Twelve, but among other things they are asking for tinned vegetables, tea, coffee, tuna/corned beef/tined meat, long life milk, cereal, pot noodles, cleaning and laundry products, and toiletries such as deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, shaving gel, and razors.



Harvest Festival Flowers: In this rather difficult year Joyce, Mary and the flower decorating team would be grateful if people could donate a few flowers from their gardens. They will be decorating the church on the morning of Friday 2nd October until 11am. Containers will be at the back of the church from the afternoon of Thursday 1st October.

The APCM for the Parish of St Nicholas, Great Wilbraham will be held **on Zoom** on Wednesday, the 23rd of September, at 7:15pm for 7:30.

The APCM for the Parish of St John the Evangelist, Little Wilbraham with St George, Six Mile Bottom has been postponed. A new date will be set in due course.

'Baby Dragons': Fulbourn's parent and toddler group will be running during term time. Our next session is on Tuesday 22nd September, 9.30-11.30am at the Townley Hall. There is a one way system in place at the Fulbourn Centre, and there will be signs for you to follow to the Baby Dragons entrance. Please see Facebook for further updates, or contact the Rev'd Alice or the parish assistant with questions.

Services this week

Sunday 20th September

- 08:00 Matins at **F**
- 09:30 Holy Communion at **GW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F (and on Facebook)**

Tuesday 22nd September

- 09.00 Morning Prayer at **F**

Wednesday 23rd September

- 09.00 Morning Prayer at **F**
- 09.20 Wee Worship at **GW**

Thursday 24th September

- 09.00 Morning Prayer at **F**

Friday 25th September

- 09.00 Morning Prayer at **F**

Readings this week

20 th September	27 th September
Jonah 3:10-end of 4	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end
Psalms 145:1-8	Psalms 25:1-8
Philippians 1:21-end	Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 20:1-16	Matthew 21:23-32

Children's ministry

Sunday School meets every Sunday at 11.00am at St Vigor's Fulbourn, out in the churchyard while weather permits.

Wednesday Church: This is our after-school gathering for crafts, play, and worship at St. Nicholas' in Great Wilbraham. We are aiming to begin after October half-term.

The Parent and Baby Group has been on hold over the summer, but we hope it will resume shortly. You are, as always, welcome to bring babies to 'Baby Dragons'.

Forthcoming services

Sunday 27th September

- 08:00 Matins at **F**
- 09:30 Eucharist at **LW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F (and on Facebook)**

Sunday 4th October

- 08:00 Matins at **F**
- 09:30 'Come and Join' at **GW**
- 09:30 Matins at **LW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F (and on Facebook)**

Sunday 11th October

- 08:00 Matins at **F**
- 09:30 Eucharist at **LW**
- 11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday School at **F (and on Facebook)**

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Virus precautions

Keep 2m minimum distance from anyone you don't live with.

Take this sheet away with you and recycle it.

At the end of the service, place your service book in the plastic box by the door.

If you display symptoms of COVID 19 please contact us immediately so that the church can be closed.