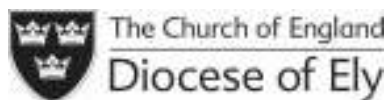


# Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

**Sunday 27th September: Trinity 16a, Proper 21**

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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 week is the parable of the two sons, the one who refused to go work in his father's vineyard, but then changed his mind and went, and the other, who said, 'I go, Sir!' but didn't. The general interpretive assumption about this parable and its placement at this part of Matthew's Gospel is that it serves both to highlight the heightened tension between Jesus and the religious authorities of his day and to build the case against those same religious leaders for their failure to answer Jesus' question about John's authority, to accept his message, and to recognize in Jesus God's promised Messiah. For this reason, this is a parable that has been used by the Church for centuries against the Jews. This isn't good—chiefly because it's always bad to look into Scripture for texts to justify persecution, but also because it lets the Church off the hook. What is this parable saying to us, in our lives, today? I hear in this parable the surprising possibility of hope that someone who has

refused to listen to God may yet change their mind. Hope that it's never too late to respond to the grace of the Gospel. That your past actions or current status need not determine your future. Hope that even those whom good people – and, lest we forget, the chief priests and elders were the first-century equivalent of our PCC members, churchwardens, and Sunday school teachers – have decided are beyond the pale of decent society are never, ever beyond the reach of God.

## 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.



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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.

## Services this week

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> September

- 09.00 Morning Prayer at **F**

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

- 09.00 Morning Prayer at **F**

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

- 09.00 Morning Prayer at **F**

## Readings this week

27 <sup>th</sup> September	4 <sup>th</sup> October (Harvest)
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end	Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalms 25:1-8	Psalms 65
Philippians 2:1-13	2 Corinthians 9:6-end
Matthew 21:23-32	Luke 12:16-30

## Forthcoming services

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October

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

## 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 (next Sunday!), 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 is 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October until 11am. Containers will be at the back of the church from the afternoon of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

'**Baby Dragons**': Fulbourn's parent and toddler group will be running during term time. Our next session is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.