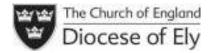
Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

Sunday 15 May 2022: Easter 5

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Our gospel this Sunday, the 5th Sunday of Easter, begins with the words 'When he had gone out.' In this sentence 'he' refers to Judas. This is the context in which Jesus's new commandment, that his followers are to love one another, is made. The disciples were commanded to choose love in the aftermath of betrayal and in the midst of uncertainty. This is what 'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another;' means. This is the kind

of love Jesus is asking us to live -- not for guarantees, not for reciprocity, not for assurances, but for the sake of a different way to live in the world. Love one another, even—especially—when loving one another is difficult. And why? So that the world can come a little closer to knowing God's love.

Services this Week

Sunday: 15 May, Easter 5

9.30 Parish Communion **GW**

11:00 Parish Communion **F**

6.00 Evensong F

Wednesday 18th May

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

9.15 Wee Worship **GW**

Thursday 19th May

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 20th May

8.30 Morning Prayer F

Readings

Easter 5	Easter 6
Acts 11.1-18	Acts 16.9-15
Revelation 21.1-6	Revelation 21.10, 22-27, 22.1-5
John 13.31-35	John 14.23-29

Children's ministry:

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

Notices and Events

Our Sunday Eucharist, and other major services are streamed online and can be found at:

https://www.facebook.com/fulbournandthewilbrahams.

What is Confirmation, and what does it mean for Christians today? If you'd like to know more about confirmation, please email Alice at goodman@fulbournrectory.co.uk

Our study of the Bible with Yin-An meets at 10:30 on Thursdays in Great Wilbraham. After Easter, the series-topic is 'Inclusion and the Bible'. The theme this week will be the inclusion of the disabled (John 9).

The Benefice Bible Study will continue to read Paula Gooder's Women of Holy Week after Easter. We meet at the URC Chapel on Home End at 2:30 on the third Tuesday of the month. The group is led jointly by Alice, together with the URC Minister Nigel Uden and Parish Assistant Yin-An. (The book will be available for purchase or borrow.) The next session will be on 17 May.

Do you want to be a reader or lead intercessions? Speak to Alice, Yin-An or your church wardens. We will be delighted to help you prepare to serve the Benefice in our Sunday services.

The Mill is looking for a volunteer to manage subscription and distribution.

The Ascension Day Service at St Vigor's at 9 am on Thursday, 26th May. All are welcome!

15-21 May is Christian Aid Week. This year's theme is 'Help turn hunger into hope.' Wars, drought, and the covid-19 pandemic have driven up food prices around the world. As always, the poorest are affected the most. With every gift, every action, and every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crises around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe. Please give generously. https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/keyappeals/christian-aid-week

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Precautions

Please wear a mask when attending services in our churches. Please sign in, or check in with the Test and Trace App, and, if possible, take a lateral flow test before coming to church.