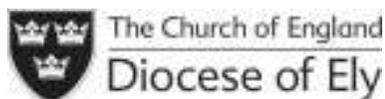


# Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

**27 November 2022: 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 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.' And in our day, I hear this text, and think of the power of the image of a Russian tank being towed away by a Ukrainian tractor.



## Services this Week

**The First Sunday of Advent (Year A begins)**

9.30 Parish Communion **LW**

11.00 Parish Communion **F**

**Wednesday 30 November**

9.15 Wild Goose Worship **GW**

**Friday 2 December**

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

**Sunday 4 December: Advent 2**

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP) **F**

9:30 Matins **LW**

9.30 'Come and Join' **GW**

11.00 Parish Communion **F**

6.00 Evensong **F**

## Readings

**The First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2.1-5

Romans 13.11-14

Matthew 24.36-44

**Advent 2**

Isaiah 11.1-10

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

## 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

**The Bible study** with Ben at St Nicholas' Church, Great Wilbraham continues on Thursday 24 November at 11am. The group will be looking at the book of Revelation, two chapters at a time.

Twelve is now providing support to Cherry Hinton Baptist Church's **Refugees' Aid Bank**. We will receive donations of goods from the public at Twelve and transport them to CHBC. If you wish to donate goods, see the posters for details of items required and times that Twelve can receive donations.

**St Vigor's congregation: NEXT WEEK IS OUR GIFT SERVICE! Every year we deliver 30+ Christmas hampers to former Fulbourn Hospital patients living locally. Donations can be brought to the service or left at Twelve before Dec 4. Let's make this Christmas a happy one!**

**There are a number of small practical tasks around the churches that need doing, either on a one-off or (more often) on a regular basis. We also need more volunteers on the Sunday morning rota (to do coffees afterwards, readings, intercessions etc) and also in the shop at Twelve. If you'd like to help, please contact Alice or Sian.**

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