

Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

October 5 2025: Trinity 16 Proper 22

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.

I have to admit that I feel for the disciples. Jesus has been asking a lot of them – to give away their possessions, to forgive those who wrong them to take up his cross, and more. No wonder they ask for more faith. Then, when the disciples recognize their need and ask him for help, for more faith, you'd think Jesus would grant their request. But he doesn't. Instead, he rebukes them. 'If you had even a speck of faith...', he begins. But what if the question the disciples ask is wrong-headed? Look at it that way, and we see that Jesus is pointing them to the miraculous presence of God all around them and the totally-sufficient faith they already have. Here's the thing: servants aren't invited to the table with the landowner; they eat when their work is done. Nor do they deserve great thanks simply for doing their job; they just do it. That's more what faith is like– simply the willingness to do what needs to be done. Faith is not some kind of scarce resource that needs to be saved, spent, added to, and all the rest. And faith isn't always heroic. Indeed, it usually isn't, but simply doing what needs to be done great or mundane, just because it needs doing.



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 5 October Trinity 16, Proper 22

- 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) F
- 9:30 'Come and Join the Harvest' GW
- 11:00 Parish Communion with Sunday School F

Wednesday 8 October

- 9:00 Morning Prayer (BCP) GW

Thursday 9 October

- 8:30 Morning Prayer F

Friday 10 October

- 8:30 Morning Prayer F

Sunday 12 October Harvest Festival

- 9:30 Harvest Festival Eucharist LW
- 11:00 Parish Communion with Sunday School F
- 6.00 Evensong F
- 7.00 'Wave of Light' F

Readings for Sunday

Trinity 16, Proper 22

Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4
2 Timothy 1.1-14
Luke 17.5-10

Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 26.1-11
Revelation 14.14-18
John 6.25-35

Children's Ministry

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

Notices

The Harvest Songs of Praise scheduled for this afternoon at St Nicholas' will not now be taking place. Donations for Jimmy's may still be dropped off in the church porch.

'Cruciform Poetry: Hardship and Hope' a new course from Ben Hewitson on Mondays at St Nicholas' begins on 6 October at 2 pm. Exploring how poetry helps us speak of hardship with integrity, honesty, and hope. All welcome!

The service of thanksgiving for the life of Jill Lacey will be at St Vigor's at 2 pm on Friday, 10 October.

There will be a **Bring and Share Harvest Lunch** after the service at St Vigor's on 12 October. Come and join us!

The **St Vigor's Youth Forum**, for members of our churches between the ages of 12-18 (years 7-13) will be at 9:30 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.

Harvest is here! We are collecting for Jimmy's in Cambridge. They're hoping for tinned food (especially meat and fish, ready meals in a tin, fruit, rice pudding, and custard), dried herbs and stock cubes, coffee tea, drinking chocolate, cooking oil, sugar, ketchup, mayonnaise, cereal, biscuits, chocolate bars, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shower gel, laundry detergent...the list goes on. Here is a link: <https://www.jimmyscambridge.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Harvest-Donation-Suggestions.pdf>

Next week is Baby Loss Awareness week. There will be a short service of prayer and the lighting of candles at St Vigor's at 7 pm next Sunday, 12 October.

St Vigor's needs YOU on the Sunday morning rota (to do coffee after the service, readings, intercessions etc). We would especially like more volunteers for the sound-desk and intercessions. If you'd like to help, please contact Alice, Ben or Sian.

We are also always looking for volunteers to help in Twelve, our parish shop. Please contact Polly Barnes; twelvefulbourn@gmail.com

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