

Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



The Church of England
Diocese of Ely

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

October 26 2025: Last Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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. Amen

Paul Tillich, commenting on the Apostle Paul's assertion that the gospel is a stumbling block, once said that the danger is stumbling over the wrong thing. This is particularly the case when we read today's lesson: the parable of the Pharisee and the publican. The temptation is to say, 'Thank God, I am not like that self-righteous Pharisee, for the Gospel has taught me to be humble. As soon as we fall prey to the temptation to divide humanity, we have aligned ourselves with the Pharisee. Whether our division is between righteous and sinners, or between the self-righteous and the humble, we are doomed. Anytime you draw a line between who's in and who's out, this parable asserts, you will find God on the other side. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector is not about self-righteousness and humility any more than it is about a pious Pharisee and a desperate tax collector. Rather, this parable is about God: God who alone can judge the human heart; God who determines to justify the ungodly. It is when we stand before God aware only of our need that we are justified by the God of Jesus and invited to return to our homes in mercy, grace, and gratitude.



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 26 October

9:30 Matins **LW**

11:00 Parish Communion with Sunday School **F**

Wednesday 29 October

9:00 Morning Prayer (BCP) **GW**

Thursday 30 October

8:30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 31 October

8:30 Morning Prayer **F**

Sunday 2 November: All Saints

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

9:30 'Come and Join' **GW**

11:00 Parish Communion with Sunday School **F**

15:00 All Souls Service **LW**

18:00 All Souls Service **F**

Readings for Sunday

Trinity 18. Proper 24

Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Luke 18. 9-14

All Saints' Day

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

Ephesians 1. 11-23

Luke 6.20-31

Evensong: Psalm 119.1-16, Eccles. 11 & 12, 2 Timothy 2.1-7.

Children's Ministry

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

Notices

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

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

Audrey Drake's funeral will be at St Nicholas' on Thursday 30 October, at noon.

Gift Service: This year's Gift Service at St Vigors will be on 14 December. The Cambridge Road manager has let Jo and David Gant know that the residents there would prefer 'treats', e.g. fancy chocolates, and 'gifts' e.g. small calendar, re-usable water bottle, simple cook book, brilliant socks, etc. N.B. NOT basic foodstuffs such as tins of baked beans, which they can easily obtain. We've decided that this approach is also suitable for the village residents on our Christmas gift list.

All Souls: Our All Souls services on 2 November will be: 3.30pm at St John's, Little Wilbraham and 6pm at St Vigor's. Come and light a candle, hear a name, and remember all those we love who have died.

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 or Ben.

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