

Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

1 February: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. We're used to hearing the Prologue to John's Gospel at Christmas, when we turn our steps to Bethlehem and marvel at the new-born Child in the manger. It is our Gospel again today. Epiphany was full of news of Jesus being recognized as Christ: first by the Magi, representing all the nations of the world, then by his own at his baptism and at the wedding feast. This week, at Candlemas, with Simeon and Anna we witness Almighty God coming to the Temple in Jerusalem, in the person of Jesus. This is the climax of all the wonders and miracles of the season of Epiphany: the child in his mother's arms. The Incarnation is the miracle of miracles; the greatest mystery, the most profound wisdom. And it's available to all. God's incarnational intention is that we, his people embody His love, wisdom, and justice in the world; in the lives we have, as the people we are.



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 1 February: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/Candlemas

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP) **F**
9:30 'Come and Join' **GW**
11:00 Parish Communion **F**
6:00 Evensong **F**

Wednesday 4 January:

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

Thursday 5 January

8:30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 6 January

8:30 Morning Prayer **F**

Sunday 8 February: The 2nd Sunday before Lent

9:30 Parish Communion **LW**
11:00 Parish Communion **F**

Readings for Sunday

Candlemas

Malachi 3.1-5
Hebrews 2.14-end
Luke 2.22-40

2nd before Lent

Genesis 1.1-2.3
Romans 8.18-25
Matthew 6.25-end

Evensong: Ps.132, Haggai 2.1-9, John 2.18-22

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.

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

Notices

First Holy Communions: Would you like to receive Holy Communion? John Wesley described Holy Communion as 'a converting ordinance,' something which, all by itself, helps Christians become better Christians. Please talk to Alice, Ben H or Ben D.

Home visits: If you, or someone you know is housebound and would like a visit, or to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Alice or Ben H.

The annual Snowdrop Walk and Concert in Fulbourn is on Sunday 8th February. Fulbourn Manor grounds open at 2pm for a walk round their snowdrops and there is a concert in St Vigor's at 3.30pm by The William Singers directed by Martin Herrick. Tickets are £12, U16s free from Arthur Rank Hospice or on the door/gate. All proceeds go to the Arthur Rank Hospice.

Lent is fast approaching: Would you like to host a simple Lent lunch of soup, bread, cheese, and a piece of fruit to raise funds for Christian Aid? We are hoping to have one every week during Lent. Good company and a good cause. Please contact Sian, Alice, or Ben.

it's a good time to consider our own gifts to our churches—gifts of money, skills, and time. What has your church meant to you over the time you have worshipped here? The generosity of the people of our congregations and villages has kept our parishes as living communities of Christian worship and witness for a very long time. But the generations who inherited the habit of regular giving are passing away. If you donate to your church, might you consider giving a few pounds more? If you don't yet regularly donate, would you consider setting up a regular donation? Your church treasurer can help with this.

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