

Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams



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

22 March 2026: Lent 5 Passiontide begins

**Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.**

Passiontide begins today, in our reading from Ezekiel, the story of the prophet in the valley of dry bones, and in our Gospel, John's story of the raising of Lazarus. The starting point in understanding Ezekiel's vision is not in the valley itself, but in the line, 'They say "Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely."' (Ezekiel 37.11). Ezekiel is proclaiming God's word to a people who have lost all hope and felt utterly abandoned by God. As the lectionary text for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the story of Lazarus anticipates the events of Holy Week. Together their meaning is best captured in the African-American church saying, 'Never place a period where God has put a comma.' Suffering does not have the last word.



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 22 March: Lent 5 Passiontide begins

9.30 Matins **LW**
11.00 Parish Communion **F**
6.00 Evensong **F**

Wednesday 25 March

9.00 Morning Prayer (BCP) **GW**

Thursday 26 March

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 27 March

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Sunday 29 March: Palm Sunday

9.30 Holy Communion **6MB**
11.00 Parish Communion (Palm Sunday liturgy) **F**

Readings for Sunday

Lent 5 Passiontide begins

Ezekiel 37.1-14
Romans 8.6-11
John 11.1-45

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a
Philippians 2.5-11
Matthew 26-27 (dramatised)

Evensong: Psalm 30, Lamentations 3.19-33, Matthew 20.17-end

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.

Home visits: If you, or someone you know is housebound and would like a visit, or communion at home, please contact Alice or Ben H

Notices

Our Lent Course, led by Ben Hewitson, 'This World Is Not Our Home,' continues to meet on Mondays in Lent at 2 pm at St Nicholas', and is followed by a short Taizé service. The last meeting will be 30 March.

The Herricks are hosting a Lent Lunch on 25 March, 12.30-2 to benefit Christian Aid.

Please leave a message with Sian (fwparishassistant@gmail.com) if you're planning on coming, to give an idea of numbers.

Anyone who would like to donate towards Easter flowers should leave their gift in an envelope marked 'EASTER FLOWERS' and the name of their particular church at Twelve.

St Vigor's APCM meeting will take place in St Vigor's on **Monday, 20 April 2026 with refreshments at 7.15 pm and starting the meeting at 7.30 pm.** The meetings usually last about an hour and everyone is very welcome to attend.

Electoral Roll. A major revision was undertaken last year. Please let the PCC Secretary/Electoral Roll Officer, Sally Hames, know if you would like to be added to the Electoral Roll, if your information has changed or if you would like to come off the roll. Forms will be available from the back of the church or contact: sah57@cam.ac.uk

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