

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

Trinity 13 Proper 17: 30 August 2026

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Can you imagine? One moment, Jesus is saying you're 'the rock on which I will build my church' and the next he's calling you 'a stumbling block.' Great word play – from cornerstone to stumbling block – but such a painful reversal for Peter. Can you imagine? Perhaps that's the difficulty. Peter couldn't imagine that Jesus had come not just to comfort people but to free them. Comforting isn't that hard – just give them a little more of what they already had and tell them it will be all right. But freedom is different. Freedom requires that they see that what they have isn't life-giving in the first place. The common assumption is that when Peter declared that Jesus was the Messiah, he had in mind a warrior-king like David, one who would drive out the Romans and liberate the Israelites. The problem with Peter's expectation is that it doesn't change anything. Rome is there in force and by violence. Jesus the warrior-king uses greater force and violence to drive them out. Eventually, someone with even more force or willing to do greater violence takes over yet again. Jesus stands before the wheel of recurring violence and offers forgiveness, mercy, and love. God raises him from the dead, confirming once and for all that Jesus's way is God's way. Can we imagine it becoming, once and for all, our way too?



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 30 August: Trinity 13, Proper 17

9:30 Holy Communion (BCP) **Six Mile Bottom**
11.00 Parish Communion (with Sunday School) **F**

Wednesday 2 September

9.00 Morning Prayer **GW**

Thursday 3 September

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 4 September

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Sunday 6 September: Trinity 14 Proper 18

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) **F**
9:30 'Come and Join' **GW**
11.00 Parish Communion **F**
6.00 Evensong **F**

Readings for Sunday

Trinity 13 Proper 17

Jeremiah 15.15-21
Romans 12.9-end
Matthew 16.21-end

Trinity 14 Proper 18

Ezekiel 33.7-11
Romans 13.8-end
Matthew 18.15-20

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

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

Blessing the Backpacks: 13 September is our first choir Sunday of the new term, when we will be blessing all those for whom the new school year has just begun, and their backpacks, pencil cases, laptops etc

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