

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 15 Proper 19 13 September 2026

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

John Pridmore says about our Gospel today that 'The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, recorded only in Matthew, is disquieting.

"The kingdom of heaven"—the way God works—"may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves."

Already we squirm. The parable transports us to the court of a despot—a world to escape from, rather than to learn from. More

problematic still is the parable's apparent contradiction of Jesus's command to forgive seventy times seven. 'The king in the story doesn't even give his sinful servant a second chance before handing him over to be tortured—a last touch to keep us squirming.'

The parable exaggerates, as many of Jesus's stories do: the hyperbole serves to highlight the greatness of God's mercy. The main point of the parable is that there is an essential relationship between God's forgiveness and our own readiness to forgive. There is more to this relationship than to say that my own forgiveness is conditional upon that which I mete out. No—as we forgive, so we find that we are forgiven, and as we are forgiven our hearts are enlarged to forgive.



Services in the Benefice

Sunday 13 September: Trinity 15 Proper 19

9:30 Parish Communion **LW**

11.00 Parish Communion **F**

Wednesday 9 September:

9.00 Morning Prayer **GW**

Thursday 10 September

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Friday 11 September

8.30 Morning Prayer **F**

Sunday 20 September: Trinity 16 Proper 20

9:30 Parish Communion **GW**

11.00 Parish Communion **F**

6.00 Evensong **F**

Readings for Sunday

Trinity 15 Proper 19

Genesis 50.15-21

Romans 14.1-12

Matthew 18.21-35

Trinity 16 Proper 20

Jonah 3.10-end of 4

Philippians 1.21-end

Matthew 20.1-16

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

Ray Tilbrook's funeral will be at noon on Thursday, 17 September in St John the Evangelist, Little Wilbraham

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

Welcome back to our St Vigor's parish choir at the end of their summer break!

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

What's on in Twelve in September:

Tuesday afternoons, 1, 15, 29 September, from 2-4pm: SCRABBLE

Tuesday evening 15 September 7-9pm: BOARD GAMES

Saturday 19 September, 10 am to noon: COFFEE MORNING

Donation to Christian Aid from the Gt Wilbraham Coffee Mornings in August-A big thank you to all who supported and contributed at the Coffee Mornings. With the gift aid that will be claimed, we donated £450.00 to Christian Aid.

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