# 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**

## November 15 2026 The 2nd Sunday before Advent

**Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life; grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
**AMEN**




As many of us have learned, perception can form a large part of reality: The great debate about this week's gospel is whether the Master represents God. If so, then Matthew may again be urging his community to a far more active faith that doesn't sit back, but takes risks for the sake of the Gospel. The problem, as other scholars point out, is that this landowner doesn't seem like much of a candidate to serve as an allegorical surrogate for God. That raises another question: how do we see God in these last days? Is He a God of wrath and judgement—a harsh master, reaping where He does not sow, always ready to cast us into outer darknesss? Or do we see Him as a God of self-giving love?

## Services in the Benefice

**Sunday 15 November: 2nd Sunday before Advent**
9.30 Parish Communion **GW**
11.00 Parish Communion (with Sunday School) **F**
**Wednesday 18 November**
9.00 Morning Prayer **GW**
**Thursday 19 November**
8.30 Morning Prayer **F**
**Friday 20 November**
8.30 Morning Prayer **F**
**Sunday 22 November: Christ the King**
9.30 Matins **LW**
11.00 Parish Communion **F**

## Readings for Sunday

| **2nd Sunday before Advent** | **Christ the King** |
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| Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end | Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 |
| 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 | Ephesians 1.15-end |
| Matthew 25.14-30 | Matthew 25.31-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.

# Notices

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

**Advent is almost upon us! It's time to think about the Gift Service, when we give Christmas gifts to some of our neighbours who have been inpatients at Fulbourn Hospital: This year's Gift Service at St Vigors will be on 13 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. We'll also be collecting money for Christmas dinner for the residents on Cambridge Road.

**Our Advent Course** this year will be taking place at St Nicholas' Great Wilbraham, led by Ben Davidson. For more information, or to register an interest, contact: fwpastoralassistant@gmail.com

**Bayeux Tapestry talk:** Professor David Bates will be giving a lecture on the Bayeux Tapestry at St John's Church, Little Wilbraham, on Wednesday 18 November. Drinks from 6.30pm and laecture at 7pm. Tickets are £10 and available from nigelwathen@gmail.com

**Children's Society Collections:** We have made £627.63 for The Children's Society so far. We are waiting for more eight boxes to be returned to reach a final total so if you have a box at home, please return it to Twelve or to Di Raikes as soon as possible.

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