

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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5th October 2025

Welcome to our services!

Welcome everyone to St John's Church, West Byfleet for our services this Sunday. Please join us after the service for refreshments and please do make yourselves known to the ministers or churchwardens. If you would like to receive regular copies of this notice sheet, please send your email address to Vicky in the Parish Office –

admin@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk

All children are very welcome at St John's – and please don't worry if they are restless, or sometimes noisy. The Children's Corner is situated at the front of the church on the left; you are most welcome to spend time there during the service. Toilets and changing facilities can be found in our adjacent Cornerstone Centre.

Would you like someone to pray with you?

A member of the Pastoral Team will be available to pray with you after the 10am service each Sunday. If you would like to take this opportunity, please make your way to the Prayer Corner at the end of the service and one of us will be waiting for you. The Minister leading the service on the day may also be available.

Large print versions of the Notices Sheet and of the Order of Service are available from the welcomers

Please make use of our hearing loop system if this would be helpful to you



Today's readings are **Luke 17: 5-10** and **2 Timothy 1: 1-14**

Keith writes...

On Wednesday at Holy Communion we were reflecting on the theme of exile and homelessness in the Bible. Jesus is presented as a man without an earthly home, constantly on the move, dependent on the generosity of others. We are called to be like him, finding no abiding home in this life, but journeying towards our only true home, with God in his Kingdom. It is part of the Christian vocation to never quite feel at home in this world but to be moving forward to that for which we hope, with and in Christ. If we do feel fully at home we should perhaps be concerned!

But there is, of course, a rather more prosaic form of homelessness which afflicts individuals in our society. That this is the case is to my mind an utterly unacceptable feature of a society which believes itself to be advanced and humane. This weekend we keep Homelessness Sunday and are enjoined to remember the needs of those who are without home in the most literal sense. One thing we can be sure of: the homeless Christ identifies with such unfortunate people and it is his face we see in those in that perilous state.

This Week's Prayer List

For the sick:

Joyce Ebbage, Mark Asplin, Lionel Griffiths, Roy Metcalfe, Ollie, Rose & Marie Crocket, Hannah, Pauline Kennedy, Sarah Helmy, Chrissie Beddows, Marina, Ati & Baran, John Rankin, Alex Coombs, Lilian Rance, Davida & Angus Whimster and Gareth, Amanda & Jasper.

Remembering the departed:

Please send any new prayer requests or updates to admin@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk

Parish Office

For all general (non-urgent) enquiries, please contact the Parish Office by emailing admin@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk, or phone 01932 342263 (leave a message if the office is closed). The Parish Office opening hours are usually: Mon 12pm – 3pm, Wed 12pm – 3pm, Fri 12pm – 3pm.

Food Bank

The Food Bank is in desperate need of the following items:

sponge pudding, jam, instant noodles, rice, baked beans, packet soup, shampoo, conditioner, liquid soap, bar of soap, shaving foam, baby wipes, sanitary pads, dog food.

Please put donations in the boxes at the front and rear of church. Donations from our church seem to have decreased lately and now depend on just a few generous givers, please consider joining them.

Autumn Fair – All Saints' New Haw

You are invited to All Saints' Church New Haw Autumn Fair. Saturday 25th October 10am – noon. Come and shop early for Christmas! Featuring: refreshments, craft stall, health & beauty stall, cuddly toy stall, book & jigsaw stall and craft workshops. See you there!

What is God calling you to?

We are starting a new venture aimed at those who want to take the next step in their Christian lives. We are aiming to help those who want to go deeper in their faith and discover how they can use their gifts to serve God more fully or in new ways. This might be in either more practical or more obviously spiritual ways. This is aimed at both our churches. Anyone who would like to come (young and old!) and find out more is welcome to join us for the introductory session which will be held on Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm in Boscors at All Saints', New Haw. If you want to know more ask me and, in any case, please let me know if you plan to attend so I keep a count of the numbers. *Keith*

All Souls Service

Our service will be on **Sunday 2nd November at 6:30pm**. A short service of remembrance and thanksgiving for loved ones who have died. The service takes the form of a mixture of reflection, music & prayers.

If you would like a loved one remembered by name please put their details on one of the lists located at the front and back of church.

Noticeboard

Please include these events in your daily prayers. All are welcome to Morning Prayer as well as to Parish Eucharist.

Saturday 4th October

10:00am Church open

Sunday 5th October

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

6:30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 6th October

9.30am Morning prayer

10:00am Church open

Tuesday 7th October

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 8th October

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 9th October

10:00am Church open

Friday 10th October

10:00am Church open

Saturday 11th October

10:00am Church Open

Sunday 12th October

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

Advance Dates

Sunday 2nd November

All Souls Service at 6:30pm

Saturday 15th November

Christmas Fair 11am – 3pm

Sunday 23rd November

Christingle Service at 4pm

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December

Christmas Community Festival 2025 (2:30pm- 6pm)

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th December

Christmas Community Festival 2025 (2:30pm- 7:30pm)

Clergy Contact Details

Our Vicar is Revd Keith Elford. He is also Vicar of All Saints, New Haw. Keith may be contacted at vicarwestbyfleetandnewhaw@gmail.com (note the new email address). His normal day off is Friday. For urgent enquiries outside of these times, contact our Churchwarden: **Neil Hatton** – 07593 372931. For prayer requests, please contact **Geoff Jones** - 01932 851830.