

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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12th 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
be helpful to you***



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Today's readings are **Luke 17: 11-19** and **2 Timothy 2: 8-15**

Ros writes...

This week's gospel passage is one of the familiar healing stories of Jesus. Jesus is in the borderlands between Samaria and Galilee, when he is approached – though they keep their required distance – by ten lepers calling out to him to have mercy on them. It is unlike many of the other healing stories because Jesus does not touch them or utter any actual words of healing but rather instructs them to go to the priests. This may seem strange to us, but at the time this was what would have been required in Jewish law of anyone who had been healed of this isolating condition, in order for them to be declared clean and welcomed back into society. As the lepers followed Jesus' instructions and went on their way, all of them were healed, but perhaps the most memorable aspect of this story is that, of the ten, only one – a Samaritan (an outsider) - returned to fall at Jesus' feet and give thanks to God. So in this liminal place we hear how it is an outcast among outsiders who is the one to notice and give thanks for what God has done. Where are our borderlands where amazing things may be happening? Do we emulate Jesus' attitude towards those marginalized by society? Do we remember to give thanks for the blessings God has bestowed on us?

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, 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.

All Saints' New Haw Weekly Newsletter

To view of a copy of the latest church family newsletter please visit <https://www.allsaints-newhaw.org/news>

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!

Contemplative Service with Taizé

Sunday 12th October at 6:30pm at All Saints' New Haw – join us in church for a quiet, meditative service with readings, space for prayer & reflection, & Taizé music. We will gather in silence and leave in silence.

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.

Advent Groups

There will be ecumenical study groups in Advent on **Tuesdays 2nd, 9th and 16th December**. The meetings will be on the theme of 'Waiting: past, present and future' and will include theological input, creative response and prayer. Meetings will be held at Byfleet Methodist Church (Rectory Lane, Byfleet, Surrey KT14 7LL) gathering from 7.00pm for refreshments before a 7.30pm start. All welcome and warmly invited!

Eco News

As we move towards the winter period, now is the time to prepare measures that will both ensure our homes remain warm and save on heating bills.

Did you know that this country has the highest electricity charges in Europe, especially now when the price cap has been raised?

So here are a few easy tips which you can do at home, at work and in our Church.

- 1. Test the heating systems before they are really needed.**
- 2. Insulate doors and windows from draughts.**
- 3. Check temperature controls and reduce where possible.**
- 4. Turn off appliances when not needed.**

Our beautiful, stunningly built Church is very costly to heat, and there is a drive to 'heat the people and not the building'. We open our Church daily for visitors and limited services, but the open doors allow much heat to escape, so perhaps we could close the Narthex doors but keep the Church open signs; we could heat the Lady Chapel by infrared down heaters, as this area is the coldest point of the building.

We have upgraded and made our heating controls more efficient and negotiated favourable utility tariffs with our suppliers, and we are considering lighting sensors in Cornerstones.

We are not only addressing utility usage, but it is our small contribution to reducing climate change!

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 11th October

10:00am Church open

Sunday 12th October

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

Monday 13th October

9.30am Morning prayer with Our Lady RC Church

10:00am Church open

2:00pm New Horizons

Tuesday 14th October

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 15th October

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 16th October

10:00am Church open

Friday 17th October

10:00am Church open

Saturday 18th October

10:00am Church Open

Sunday 19th October

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Family Eucharist followed by refreshments

6:30pm Talk, Think, Pray

Advance Dates

Sunday 2nd November

Saturday 15th November

Sunday 23rd November

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th December
7:30pm)

All Souls Service at 6:30pm

Christmas Fair 11am – 3pm

Christingle Service at 4pm

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

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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.
