

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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2nd November 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 6: 20-31** and **Ephesians 1: 11-end**

A Sonnet for All Saints' Day

Though Satan breaks our dark glass into shards
Each shard still shines with Christ's reflected light,
It glances from the eyes, kindles the words
Of all his unknown saints. The dark is bright
With quiet lives and steady lights undimmed,
The witness of the ones we shunned and shamed.
Plain in our sight and far beyond our seeing
He weaves them with us in the web of being
They stand beside us even as we grieve,
The lone and left behind whom no one claimed,
Unnumbered multitudes, he lifts above
The shadow of the gibbet and the grave,
To triumph where all saints are known and named;
The gathered glories of His wounded love.

Malcolm Guite

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, Gareth, Amanda & Jasper and Margaret Blamey.

Remembering the departed:

Don Quigley

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>

Guildford Cathedral Threads through the Cross by Jacqui Parkinson

An exhibition of stitched panels exploring the life and teachings of Jesus, from his birth to Pentecost. A wonderful display of intricate stitching and vibrant designs. Exhibition ends on **Monday 3rd November**, well worth a visit.

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.

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!

Christmas Fair Donations

Our Christmas Fair takes place on **Saturday 15th November, 11am – 3pm**. We are looking for donations of the following items; toys, books, jewellery, gifts, wrapped sweets, bottles & chocolates. Please bring any donations into church and place in the labelled boxes. We also require cakes for the Cake Stall and for Refreshments - Please leave your donations in the Dora Honor Room kitchen on Friday evening or bring to the Hall on Saturday morning. Please mark clearly 'Stall' or 'Refreshments'. All donations are gratefully received.

Hurricane in Jamaica

The most severe hurricane perhaps ever in the Caribbean has caused devastating damage and loss of life in Jamaica. We will be taking an emergency collection to support the Red Cross appeal this Sunday morning – there will be buckets at the back of church and near the door to Cornerstone. It should also be possible to accept card payments.

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 1st November

10:00am Church open

Sunday 2nd November

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

6:30pm All Souls Service

Monday 3rd November

9.30am Morning prayer

10:00am Church open

7:30pm What is God calling you to do? – Bosco's, All Saints' New Haw

Tuesday 4th November

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 5th November

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 6th November

10:00am Church open

Friday 7th November

10:00am Church open

Saturday 8th November

10:00am Church Open

Sunday 9th November

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Remembrance Sunday Service followed by refreshments

Advance Dates

Saturday 15th November

Sunday 23rd November

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th December

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.