

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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9th 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



Clive writes...

The poppies float down from the top of the Albert Hall onto the heads of Service men and women, wreaths are laid on War Memorials large and small, up and down the country and the Last Post and Reveille sound – it's Remembrance Day again as it has been every year since 1919. Where do your thoughts go during the Two Minutes Silence? Perhaps to a long lost relative or a more recent bereavement resulting from conflict, perhaps to somebody permanently damaged in body or mind in defence of our way of life.

Two minutes out of a year doesn't seem much in return for their sacrifice, what else can we do? We have to face it there is very little we can do as individuals to prevent wars, if there was, I'm sure we would have done it by now. Wars between states or, in some ways worse, civil wars, seem always with us. Some are at the forefront of our minds, that in Ukraine for example, others we hear little about, the situation in Sudan is beyond terrible. We are left with feelings of inadequacy.

If we can't have an impact on the big things, there is nothing to stop us doing the little things that can make life better for others. One of the readings we are using in today's services is from Matthew's Gospel (Chapter 25 verses 34 to 40), why not read it for yourself? In it there are several suggestions as to how we can help make the world a better place, one person at a time, that surely is manageable. Simple things like giving a thirsty stranger a drink, visiting someone who is ill or in prison or just making a stranger feel welcome. Their little part of the world will seem a bit better as indeed will ours. World Peace will not be the result but in the words of the old saying, look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves which we could translate as look after the little things and the big things might also improve.

This Week's Prayer List

For the sick:

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:

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>

Today's readings are **Matthew 25: 34-40** and **Micah 4: 1-5**

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.

Reading the Bible

Some of you may have been stimulated by Bible Sunday to want to read the Bible yourself more regularly. If so, I recommend two possible aids to doing so. The first is to subscribe to '**New Daylight**', a publication by The Bible Reading Fellowship, which provides suggested readings with notes to help you make sense of the passage. Fanny Cross can obtain these for you - 01932 345415 or fannycross9420@outlook.com. An alternative would be to obtain a copy of '**Reflections for Daily Prayer**' which is published by Church House Publishing. This indicates readings for every day of the year from the Church of England lectionary with a reflection upon the reading. This can be obtained from Amazon or Church House Bookshop online. We use this book at Morning Prayer every Monday. *Keith*



Noticeboard

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

Saturday 8th November

10:00am Church open

Sunday 9th November

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Remembrance Sunday Service followed by refreshments

Monday 10th November

9.30am Morning prayer

10:00am Church open

Tuesday 11th November

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 12th November

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 13th November

10:00am Church open

Friday 14th November

10:00am Church open

Saturday 15th November

10:00am Church Open

11:00am Christmas Fair

Sunday 16th November

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Family Eucharist Service followed by refreshments

Advance Dates

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.