

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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15th February 2026

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 **Matthew 17: 1-9** and **2Peter 1: 16-end**

Jen writes...

Lent is nearly here! We have our Pancake Family service on Sunday at 4pm and the Ash Wednesday service at 7pm this week. Please do come along to either or both if you can. The Church of England's lent booklet this year is called "Draw Near" and contains daily reflections to help us be closer to God. Just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness, so we are invited by Him during Lent to take time away from the noise and busyness of the world to draw nearer to Him. Lent is not simply about giving something up, but about making space — space to pray more deeply, to love more generously, and to listen more carefully to God's voice. Through these seemingly small acts, we allow God to reshape our priorities and renew us. The good news is that it is not all up to us! As soon as we make even the smallest move towards God, He meets us where we are. As James 4:8 states "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you".

Jen

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, Margaret Blamey, John Blamey, Graham Smith, Caroline Hill, Mavis Margaroni, Bishop Andrew.

Remembering the departed:

Barbara Knowles and Jo Orr

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.

Confirmation

The Bishop of Guildford will be confirming six candidates from St John's in a service held here, at St John's, on Sunday 15 March at 6.30pm. The six include four young people and two adults. There is still time for other adult candidates to be included. There are three preparation sessions scheduled from the end of February. If you'd like to be confirmed, please talk to me.

Keith

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>

Bishop Andrew

Many of you will already know that Bishop Andrew informed us this week that he has been diagnosed with an inoperable cancer. Please pray for him, his wife Beverly and his family as they cope with this most distressing news.

Electoral Roll Revision

St John's Electoral Roll is being updated prior to this year's APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Please note that this is just an update and if your name is currently on the Electoral Roll you do not need to do anything.

If you are new to St John's or your name is not included on the current Electoral Roll and you wish to have it added, you should apply for entry by completing a form and returning it to Angie Dedman or the Church Office, no later than **Wednesday 1st April**. Forms can be obtained from Angie or the church office.

Food Bank

We are relying more and more on donations from individuals so every little you could give would be much appreciated. If you could particularly donate items on the want list it would be very helpful. Donations of money can be sent by the means shown on the poster or I'm happy to take small amounts in cash to the branch I volunteer in.

Current needs: cereal, instant mash, tinned meat, tinned fish, squash, coffee, custard, razors, toothbrush, deodorant, conditioner, antibacterial spray.

PLEASE KEEP DONATING. Many thanks, *Clive*

Pancake Service

The Pancake Service will take place on **Sunday at 4pm**. Everyone is welcome, but it is particularly aimed at children and families. As in previous years we will be serving pancakes in the Hall afterwards - last year approximately 100 pancakes were eaten!

Lent

Everyone at church last Sunday at 10am, received a copy of the Church of England's Lent booklet, 'Draw Near'. This booklet will accompany you through Lent, providing a reflection for each day. I hope it will help you in keeping Lent as a time for drawing nearer to God. If you did not receive a copy, copies should be available in church this Sunday, 15th February.

We will again be holding ecumenical Lent groups. The course is entitled Superstar and is written by David Wilbourne. Meetings will be held at St Michael's Church, Sheerwater on **Wednesdays 25th Feb, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March at 7pm for a 7.15 start**. All are welcome. Recent Churches Together courses have provided high quality times of learning, meditation and prayer so please do come if you can.

What is God calling you to

The group of those exploring what God might have for them in the next stage of their journey of discipleship is meeting again **on 23rd March at 7.30pm** in the Dora Honnor Room. It is not too late to be part of that group. If you would like to consider what God might be calling you to, please speak to Keith.

Talk, Think, Pray

This **Sunday 15th Feb, at 6.30pm**, we will consider the rising role of AI. Is this a blessing, a threat, or a bit of both? You might find this article useful background: <https://shorturl.at/Hjzyg>. As usual we will discuss the issue, have some silence, and end with Celtic Evening Prayer. All welcome.

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 14th February

10:00am Church open

Sunday 15th February

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Family Eucharist with Baptism followed by refreshments

4:00pm Pancake Service

6:30pm Talk, Think, Pray

Monday 16th February

9.30am Morning prayer

10:00am Church open

Tuesday 17th February

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 18th February

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

7:30pm Ash Wednesday Parish Eucharist

Thursday 19th February

10:00am Church open

Friday 20th February

10:00am Church open

Saturday 21st February

10:00am Church Open

Sunday 22nd February

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

Advance Dates

Wednesday 25th February

Jo Orr interment of ashes at 11am

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday Service at 10am

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.