

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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5th & 12th April 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



Readings for the 5th are **Matthew 28: 1-10** and **Acts 10: 34-43**
Readings for the 12th are **John 20: 19-end** and **Acts 2: 14a, 22-32**

Keith writes....

The resurrection of Jesus is either the beginning of a new world or it is a lie. People do not rise from the dead. We might – just – be able to believe in a resuscitation but the resurrection of Christ is far more than that. This is a real person living on another level, yet recognisably still the person he was. I've always thought it telling that the first reaction to the resurrection is fear as well as joy. It is convincingly presented as a surprise to everyone, and one that disturbs as well as cheers. This adds a level of believability to the narrative. But once they got their heads around it they, as we, understood that the resurrection is an event that changes everything we believe. We live in a new creation. Decay is reversed and our lives are full of hope.

Choirs to sing at Canterbury Cathedral - Monday 6th April

On Bank Holiday Monday, our adult and junior choirs will be singing Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral. Please do come along and support them if you can - the service starts at 5.30pm, and finishes at 6.15pm. There is no charge to visit the Cathedral for a service! The service may also be available to view online – check the 'online worship' page of the cathedral website for more information.

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, Lilian Rance, John Blamey, Graham Smith, Caroline Hill, Mavis Margaroni, Michael Doughty.

Remembering the departed:

Betty Scott & Chrissie Beddows

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

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.

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>

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will take place on **19th April** after the 10am service and is an opportunity to look back on what we have achieved over the last year. It is also when we form a new PCC; we have several vacancies and will be asking people to stand up for election. The task is not onerous - 6 meetings per year - but it hugely important. The PCC is responsible for looking after financial, social, evangelistic and pastoral affairs and members are trustees of the charity of St. Johns, Please talk to Keith, Amanda, Jen or Neil if you want more details and use prayer to ask God if this is what he is calling you to do next. In prayer. *Amanda*

2026 Electoral Roll

The 2026 revision of the electoral roll is now complete, and a copy is on the notice board at the back of church. A copy is also available in the office. Although the revision is now complete for the APCM, if anyone would like to join the roll, this can be done at any stage during the year.

Exhibition – Ewa Brachel 'From Despair to Hope'

During Holy Week and the following week there will be an Exhibition of Digital Paintings in the Nave of our church by the Polish artist Ewa Brachel entitled 'From Despair to Hope'. These remarkable large pictures relate to the life of Christ, especially the last week. They will be in place of the Stations of the Cross. Besides our normal service times, our church will be open to the public to view the pictures from 11.30am to 4.00pm each day until **Sunday 12th April**. Donations will go to brain cancer research. Representatives from churches and the wider community are being invited to a Preview Evening. We are aiming to have stewarding throughout the exhibition, as much as anything to welcome visitors, give guidance and address questions.

Camphill Road Closure

Please be aware that a section of Camphill Road, between the Junior School and Station Road, will be closed for 2 weeks from Monday 30th March.

Woking Community Grocery

The Welcome Church is setting up a Community Grocery next door to the church at 1-5 Church Street West, Woking. Its aim is to provide a bridge between food banks and supermarkets, helping to keep families fed so that no-one goes hungry. This is a model that exists across the UK and is open to anyone finding it tough to put food on the table. Membership is £5/ yr/ household and enables multiple visits/ week for good discounted food. They reckon that for an outlay of £5 a visitor gets a basket of food worth at least £20. Courses to support people with new skills, job applications and money management are also available. We have been given invitations for anyone who would like to see the Grocery, sign up and have a first shop on 16th April 9.30 - 4.30 or 18th April 09.30- 1 pm. There are other times available. Please could you share this information with anyone who might be interested. The invitations are on the Community Fridge table. Please see Jo Pritchard for further details.

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 4th April

11:30am Exhibition 'From Despair to Hope' Church open until 4pm

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Easter Sunday Eucharist followed by refreshments

11:30am Exhibition 'From Despair to Hope' Church open until 4pm

Monday 6th April

11:30am Exhibition 'From Despair to Hope' Church open until 4pm

Tuesday 7th April

11:30am Exhibition 'From Despair to Hope' Church open until 4pm

Wednesday 8th April

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:30am Exhibition 'From Despair to Hope' Church open until 4pm

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 9th April

11:30am Exhibition 'From Despair to Hope' Church open until 4pm

Friday 10th April

11:30am Exhibition 'From Despair to Hope' Church open until 4pm

Saturday 11th April

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Sunday 12th April

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

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Monday 13th April

9.30am Morning prayer at Our Lady

10:00am Church Open

Tuesday 14th April

10:00am Church Open

10.30am Coffee morning Botanical Place

Wednesday 15th April

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church Open

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 16th April

10:00am Church Open

Friday 17th April

10:00am Church Open

Advance Dates

Monday 20th April

Saturday 9th May

Summer Fair meeting at 7pm in the DH Room

Coffee Morning in aid of Woking Hospice at 10:30am