

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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28th June 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



The readings this week, Peter & Paul Apostles, are:
Matthew 16: 13-19 and Acts 12: 1-11

Di writes...

Today we celebrate the lives of St Peter and St Paul at a time in the church year which is often known as Petertide. And we also celebrate our Vicar's 35 years as Priest. What famous company he keeps; not for me to ascribe sainthood to him but I can think of many examples in this parish where he has earned the title. It is interesting to wonder why we celebrate Peter and Paul together – they after all are completely different men from completely different backgrounds. The most logical answer is that they were thought to have both been martyred in Rome. Peter by being crucified upside down, as he did not want to be thought equal to Christ, and Paul by being beheaded. In life they recognised each other as both following the same Christ and they met together at the Council of Jerusalem to find a solution to their differences. Celebrating them together might help us to remember that being a Christian does not mean being in a club with people who believe exactly the same as us; but rather that other followers of Christ may have different opinions without being any less Christian – a sentiment with which I think our Vicar would agree.

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, Michael Doughty, Chris Adamson.

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>

'Family Pilgrimage in Guildford Celebrating St Francis' 800th Anniversary

We are invited to join Anthony on a family pilgrimage of under 2 miles on **Saturday 18th July** to celebrate the Anniversary of St Francis' passing in Assisi 800 years ago. This anniversary is being celebrated by Franciscans throughout the world, including by a national pilgrimage from Northumberland to London, also starting on 18th July. Our route includes two Guildford churches and ends in the Lady Chapel of Guildford Cathedral. There will be lively music, drama and story-telling. All are welcome. To learn more please see the attached flyer and information sheet and please speak to Anthony.

Bishop Gathering for Woking Deanery Christ Church Woking

Wednesday 1st July - 7pm for 7.30pm

A reminder that we have all been warmly invited to meet, pray and worship with Bishop Paul, Bishop of Dorking and now Acting Bishop of Guildford, at the Bishop's Gathering for Woking Deanery hosted by Christ Church Woking on Wednesday 1st July.

There will be a reception with Bishop Paul at 7pm, followed by the Bishop's Gathering which will begin at 7.30pm and conclude by 9pm. All, including young people, are welcome. We will be celebrating all that God is doing across Woking Deanery with a range of speakers from our parishes and Bishop Paul will share what God has put on his heart for the diocese in the months ahead. It should be an inspirational evening so do come if you can.

Christ Church is in Jubilee Square GU21 6YG.

Holiday Club 2026

We'll be running our summer holiday club again this year from 10th to 14th August. The club runs the whole week from 10am-4.30pm, each day, and is for children age 7-13. As usual, activities will be based around a biblical theme each day, finishing with a short service at 4pm. Please let everyone know who might be interested! More info from Ian or Vicky - email music@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk.

And if you can volunteer to help for a session (morning or afternoon), or a whole day, or more, please let Ian know asap. Many thanks!

West Byfleet Community Choir

West Byfleet Community Choir is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year with a summer community concert on **July 11th 6-8pm**; they are collaborating with WB Junior School, Fullbrook School Choir, a jazz ensemble from Heathside and a talented pianist from St. George's College. As we are co-hosting this, we need a team to help on the night at the entrances and to serve refreshments in the interval. If you are able to help, please let Amanda know. If you can't help but would like to attend, it is £5 admission fee (under 12s free) with all profits going to Emma's House (Dementia Day Centre). *Amanda*

Jurassic Coast Mighty Hike

On Saturday 4th July, I am taking part in the Jurassic Coast Mighty Hike - a walk of 26.2 miles to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. This cause is close to my heart and the money I raise will help Macmillan provide vital support to people facing cancer. Every donation helps me keep going (especially up those hills!). Please follow the link to donate. Thank you. <https://www.justgiving.com/marys-fundraising-page771>. *Mary Thompson*

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 27th June

10:00am Church Open

Sunday 28th June

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

Monday 29th June

9:30am Morning Prayer

10:00am Church open

Tuesday 30th June

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 1st July

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 2nd July

10:00am Church open

Friday 3rd July

10:00am Church open

Saturday 4th July

10:00am Church open

Sunday 5th July

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

6:30pm Choral Evensong

Advance Dates

Saturday 11th July

Monday 10th – Friday 14th August

West Byfleet Community Choir Concert 6-8pm

Holiday Club for children age 7-13 years

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: **Amanda Hodson** – 07934 610788. For prayer requests, please contact **Keith Elford**.