

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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7th 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, Trinity 1, are:
Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26 and Romans 4: 13-end

Keith writes....

After our recent focus on Jesus' death, resurrection, ascension and gift of the Spirit this week finds us back in the startling middle of Jesus' ministry. Our Gospel reading gives us three of a longer, fast-moving succession of encounters and healings in this section of Matthew's Gospel. Jesus calls an outcast to follow him (the tax collector). He then receives a request by the leader of the synagogue to heal his dead daughter. On the way to the house a woman seeking healing touches him and is healed. Jesus is in the midst of a busy crowd, but he feels this touch and seeks out the woman. Jesus then gets to Jairus' house, braves sceptical laughter and restores life to the girl.

The Christian calendar now enters a long period of 'ordinary time' in which we work out some of the implications for faith and practice of the story of salvation we have been telling over the last few months. In that context, today's readings remind us that we too are to proclaim the Kingdom of God in word and deed. We are able to do so in the knowledge of the resurrection and in the power of the Spirit. If today's Gospel story has an even more particular point I think it is in the story of the woman seeking healing. It is her faith that makes her well and it is our faith that is critical to our salvation and our ability to serve Christ in the world.

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.

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>

Summer Fair – Saturday 13th June

With the Summer Fair fast approaching we would be very grateful if you are able to donate items to be used on the various stalls – we are looking for the following:

Homeware (no electrical ware or bric-a-brac), jewellery, sweets for filled jars, toys, plants, bottles for the tombola, raffle prizes & cakes to be sold on the cakes stall and in the food hall. Boxes for donations are now available in church; please bring your donations into church and place in the correct marked box. Cakes & plants to be dropped off on the Friday (12th June) evening or on the morning of the fair.

Summer Fair Setting Up

To prepare for our summer fair on Saturday 13th June, it would be good to have some helpers to get everything ready. If you can spare some time on either **Friday 12th June 4-6pm, or Saturday 13th from 8-11am**, it will be much appreciated.

Please let me or Hazel know if you can help. Thank you. *Terry*

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported Bridget's coffee morning in memory of her daughter Jane. The event raised an amazing £620 for Woking & Sam Beare Hospice.

Summer Study Opportunity

We have been planning for a while to create more opportunities for study and discussion in the life of our churches. I am planning to lead four evenings in which we will look at what it means to be a Christian – and, specifically, an Anglican Christian. The series will be based on Sam Wells' book *What Anglicans Believe*, but the sessions will not require you to buy or read the book. These evenings will be suitable for those who want to find out more about their faith – whether you are new to church or not. It will help to answer questions about what is special to the Church of England – why we do what we do and say what we say. It will also consider the range of opinion and practice found within the Church of England and the issues facing our church. It will run on for four weeks on Tuesdays, starting 23 June. Meetings will be 7.30pm in the DH Room at St John's.

Because this programme will require some preparation I am asking you to sign up for it in advance so that I know we have a viable number in good time. You can do that by putting your name on the list at the back of church or emailing me. *Keith*

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*

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 6th June

10:00am Church Open

Sunday 7th June

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

6:30pm Music Sunday Evensong

Monday 8th June

9:30am Morning Prayer at Our Lady RC Church

10:00am Church open

Tuesday 9th June

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 10th June

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 11th June

10:00am Church open

Friday 12th June

10:00am Church open

Saturday 13th June

10:00am Church open

11:00am Summer Fair until 3pm

Sunday 14th June

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

Advance Dates

Sunday 21st June

Saturday 11th July

Monday 10th – Friday 14th August

Patronal Eucharist at 10am

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 **Geoff Jones** - 01932 851830