

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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19th July 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 7, are:
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 and Romans 8: 12-25

Gillaine writes....

Let me begin with a huge thank you for last week's warm welcome to the Benefice: it was one of those occasions I will treasure deeply. Today is my first Sunday leading worship here at St John the Baptist and we have not just 1 but 2 baptisms, as well as the Junior Choir helping to lead our main service. It promises to be another joyful occasion, as Marley and Mabel join God's family, not just here in West Byfleet, but throughout the world and down the ages. Apparently, Marley calls our church 'the princess castle' and she's not wrong - after all, this is the house of the Lord God, the king of kings who calls us his children. If you are visiting today for the first time, you are most welcome. We hope you will feel relaxed and at home as we worship together, and if you're not 100% sure that you know exactly what's going on, well you might not be the only one! What matters is that you made it. All that you need is in the service booklet and in your heart, as we begin our time together.

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, Julie Barlow, Simon Foxley.

Remembering the departed:

Audrey Hassel

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>

Foodbank

The Foodbank is currently in need of the following items: **pasta sauce, pot noodles, instant noodles, tinned fish, cereal, sponge pudding, juice, long-life milk, coffee, nappies (size 5, 6, 7)**. Any donations you can contribute can be placed in the boxes in church. Thank you as always for your support.

Talk, Think, Pray

This Sunday, 19th July, we will talk about sin. What, exactly is it? How do we experience it? How does Christ deal with it in us? If you fancy a challenging pre-read on this you could look at: <https://substack.com/home/post/p-206402638>, a fascinating blog by Mark Clavier. We meet at 6.30pm in the Prayer Corner for conversation, silence and Celtic Evening Prayer.

Help needed to clear hall loft

We are looking for a couple of people to help clear the hall loft on a Saturday to be announced. If you can help please speak to Terry or Jen.

Help needed to paint picnic benches

We are looking for someone to help preserve the picnic benches. We can purchase all the supplies - brushes and wood preserve. If you can help please contact Terry or Jen.

Safeguarding - help needed

Some of our people in both our churches struggle with the fact that safeguarding training is online as they are not very confident with computers. I'm looking for a couple of volunteers to help these people access and carry out their training. It requires a minimum level of IT confidence, and some time and patience. It would be a great service as the training is essential and I do not want to restrict key roles to the IT savvy amongst us. Please let me know if you can help. *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!

Kitchen Refurbishment starting August 17th

Good news - the Cornerstone kitchen is being refurbished. Thanks to several donations we now have sufficient funds to proceed with the replacement of the cupboards, worktops and flooring as well as replacement of the oven and the dishwasher. We will be asking for help emptying the cupboards and culling some of their contents over the weekend of 15th/16th August. The items will be stored in the Dora Honor room.

The work will mean disruption around the hall area but should not affect the rest of the church.

Jo, Amanda or Terry can answer any questions that you may have.

PCC Update

A PCC meeting was held on Monday 13th July and updates were received on many aspects of our activities such as the Cornerstone kitchen refit scheduled to begin 17th August, progress with our ECO Church ambitions, and Finance update for the first half year. Safeguarding is always an important issue. Many aspects covered by this were discussed and the Parish Safeguarding Policy approved for a further year. Approval was also given for essential tree work to be carried out in the grounds. Our much loved Christmas Tree Festival will continue this year with a team put together to organise this.

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 18th July

10:00am Church Open

7:30pm Genesis Chorale Concert

Sunday 19th July

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Family Eucharist and Baptism followed by refreshments

Monday 20th July

9:30am Morning Prayer

10:00am Church open

Tuesday 21st July

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 22nd July

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 23rd July

10:00am Church open

Friday 24th July

10:00am Church open

Saturday 25th July

10:00am Church open

Sunday 26th July

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

Advance Dates

Monday 10th – Friday 14th August

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**.