

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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12th 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 6, are:
Luke 4: 16-21 and Isaiah 35

Keith writes....

This Sunday we are delighted to welcome Revd Gillaine Holland as our new associate priest. She will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Dorking in our 10.00am Parish Eucharist. I hope you will all be as encouraged as I am by Gillaine's arrival: I see it as a great day in the history of our parishes and benefice. Gillaine is an experienced and extremely capable priest, approachable, creative and engaging. She will prove a great blessing to us, and I am confident that her ministry will bear much fruit in West Byfleet and New Haw.

For the Gospel today we have chosen that great moment in Luke's Gospel when, right at the beginning of his ministry, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...release to the captives...recovery of sight to the blind...to set free those who are oppressed". He then adds: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." We all have different gifts and parts to play and we are all called to bring them to the work of bringing this prophecy to life in West Byfleet and New Haw. *Keith*

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 Dougherty, 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.

JAM

This coming Sunday (12th July) is our last JAM session before the school holidays. We will meet again on Sunday, 6th September. The leaders and helpers wish the children and their families a very happy summer holiday break.

'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 speak to Anthony.

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!

Woking Community Gospel Choir

Monday 20th July: Woking Community Gospel Choir, led by Daren Alder who many of us will know, will be performing at St Paul's for their end-of-term summer concert.

Come and enjoy a fun and uplifting evening of contemporary gospel music and singing. Doors 8.15pm for 8.30pm start. Free admission, though donations will be invited towards Mental Health UK. For more details, see wokingcgc.com/concert

Contemplative Service with Taizé

Sunday 26th July 6:30pm at All Saints' New Haw – join us for quiet, meditative service with readings, space for prayer & reflection, and Taizé music. We will gather in silence and leave in silence.

Oven for Sale

St John's has been gifted a brand new Neff built in oven (N50 B4ACF1ANoB). It was offered for our kitchen refurbishment, which is happening in August. But we have decided that we only need the range cooker already donated.

If you know anyone who would like a brand new oven from a show kitchen at half the retail price or nearest offer please talk to Jo, Amanda or Terry.

ECO NOTICE- WATERING!

During this heatwave we are in desperate need of extra hands to water the Bee Garden and the Memorial Garden.

It would be wonderful if we could have teams to fill up the watering cans from the tap and to carry them to the plants.

Janet suggests 7pm in the evening. If you, your family, neighbours and/or friends could give an evening to help these plants survive, we would be so grateful.

Please contact : Sue Hatton 07807729787 or Janet Hodges: 07521 769980

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 11th July

10:00am Church Open

6:00pm West Byfleet Community Choir Concert

Sunday 12th July

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist Benefice Service to include the Licensing of Rev Gillaine Holland followed by refreshments

Monday 13th July

9:30am Morning Prayer with Our Lady RC Church

10:00am Church open

Tuesday 14th July

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

7:30pm Summer Study group: What Anglicans Believe 4 Dora Honnor Room

Wednesday 15th July

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 16th July

10:00am Church open

Friday 17th July

10:00am Church open

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

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**.