

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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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 10, are:
Luke 9.28-36 and 2 Peter 1.16-19

Keith writes....

The world is a predictable place in many ways, even if it does throw up unexpected events like Donald Trump. I mean that reality operates according to known laws and properties that stay the same, day after day. Life is mundane, which can mean just dull and ordinary, but also 'of the earth' as opposed to 'heavenly'. This is something for which we ought to be grateful. Without this consistency life would quickly become unmanageable.

On the other hand, this quality of ordinariness may be misleading. What if the extraordinary is nearer than we think? What if heaven is not 'up there' and far away but present, if usually hidden? These reflections are prompted by this Sunday's Gospel, the story of the transfiguration. The disciples go up the mountain with Jesus. As Jesus prays he changes and his clothes become dazzling white, and Moses and Elijah appear. A voice says: 'This is my Son, my chosen.' We can read this as a one-off vision, or as a moment when heaven and earth become more transparent to each other. Life seems – and is – what it seems, but sometimes we get glimpses of a larger and more wonderful reality, all centred on Christ

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, Simon Foxley, Wendy Ashworth.

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>

Baby & Toddler Group Closure Dates

Our Baby & Toddler group will be closed on the following dates: Wednesday 12th, 19th & 26th August. The group will restart again on Wednesday 2nd September.

No Morning Prayer or Midweek Eucharist

Please note there will be no morning prayer on **Monday 10th August** or midweek Eucharist on **Wednesday 12th August** due to the holiday club running. You are very welcome to attend our holiday club service held at 4pm each day.

Church & Grounds closure this week for Holiday Club

Please note access to the grounds will be blocked off every morning from 8am - 5pm, to ensure the safety of the children attending this week's Holiday Club. The church will also be closed to visitors all week, except for the Holiday Club service at 4pm every day, which everyone is invited to attend. Please pray for the children attending, that the week will be fulfilling, and a memorable step in their Christian journey. Please also pray for the leaders, that they may be energised, yet patient and calm through the whole week!

Benefice Service Sunday 23rd August

There will be a Benefice Service at All Saints' New Haw at 10am on Sunday 23rd August. There will be no 10am service held at St John's on this day.

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.

Cornerstone Kitchen Refurbishment - Help needed Sun Aug 16th

We are pleased to confirm that we have successfully bid for, and been given, sufficient new funds to fully pay for our kitchen refurbishment.

After some preliminary electrical and gas works the old range cooker and dishwasher will be removed on the 12th August. The kitchen fitter and his team will then be on site as of 17th August for 2 weeks.

Help is needed please to empty the cupboards of everything and place items in boxes in the Dora Honor room. We plan to do this immediately after coffee on Sunday 16th August. That afternoon (Aug 16th) 2-3 strong people are needed at about 4pm to help unfix the very large cooker hood from the wall and ceiling, and safely lower it for disposal.

Revd Gillaine Holland's Working Pattern

We are delighted that Gillaine has now started with us 3 days a week across both churches. Her regular working days each week are Sunday & Wednesday. Gillaine's 3rd working day will alternate between Monday & Tuesday to accommodate the needs of both churches. If you do need to contact Gillaine please do so on her working days. Gillaine's email address is gillaine@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated through the church's collection for the DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal; the final total raised was £135.15, which was sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) on 13th July.

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 8th August

10:00am Church Open

Sunday 9th August

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

Monday 10th August

8.00am Church & grounds closed for Holiday Club (grounds re-open at 5pm)

4.00pm Holiday Club service (all welcome); finishes 4.30pm

Tuesday 11th August

8.00am Church & grounds closed for Holiday Club (grounds re-open at 5pm)

4.00pm Holiday Club service (all welcome); finishes 4.30pm

Wednesday 12th August

8.00am Church & grounds closed for Holiday Club (grounds re-open at 5pm)

4.00pm Holiday Club service (all welcome); finishes 4.30pm

Thursday 13th August

8.00am Church & grounds closed for Holiday Club (grounds re-open at 5pm)

4.00pm Holiday Club service (all welcome); finishes 4.30pm

Friday 14th August

8.00am Church & grounds closed for Holiday Club (grounds re-open at 5pm)

4.00pm Holiday Club service (all welcome); finishes 4.30pm

Saturday 15th August

10:00am Church open

Sunday 16th August

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Family Eucharist including Baptism followed by refreshments

Advance Dates

Wednesday 12th – 26th August

Sunday 23rd August

Sunday 20th September

Baby & Toddler Group Closed

Benefice Service at All Saints' New Haw at 10am

Harvest Festival at 10am

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. Our Associate Priest, **Revd Gillaine Holland**, works on Sundays, Wednesdays and alternate Mondays or Tuesdays (to accommodate both churches' calendars). Gillaine may be contacted at gillaine@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk. For prayer requests, please contact **Keith Elford**.