

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 5th September

10:00am Church Open

Sunday 6th September

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Monday 7th September

9.30am Morning Prayer

10:00am Church open

Tuesday 8th September

10:00am Church Open

6.15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 9th September

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8.15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 10th September

10:00am Church Open

Friday 11th September

10:00am Church Open

Saturday 12th September

10:00am Church open

Sunday 13th September

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

Advance Dates

Sunday 20th September

Saturday 26th September

Harvest Festival at 10am

Harvest Supper at All Saints' New Haw at 7:30pm

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. 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**.

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6th September 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, Creationtide 1, are
Job 37:14-24 and Matthew 8: 23-27

Keith writes

This Sunday we begin four weeks of celebrating the season of Creationtide. Our Gospel reading tells the familiar story of Jesus sleeping through a storm on the Sea of Galilee while the disciples become more and more anxious. They wake him up; he comments on their lack of faith and rebukes the wind and sea; a dead calm follows. The disciples ask, 'what sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

C S Lewis argues that most of the miracles of Jesus's ministry are miracles of Creation in the sense that they restore or accelerate what Nature already does. Food is made and multiplied as a natural process; storms come and go via natural forces; healing is a natural part of the created order. These miracle stories show us that Jesus commands these processes. In time Christian theology would see these events as evidence of Christ's divinity and his involvement in the act of creation with his Father.

All this reinforces the sense of identification between Christ and the creation he came to save and transform. There is no other world we are travelling to: instead Christ is redeeming the one he made with his Father in the first place.

This Week's Prayer List

For the sick:

Joyce Ebbage, Lionel Griffiths, Roy Metcalfe, Ollie, Rose & Marie Crocket, Hannah, Pauline Kennedy, Sarah Helmy, Lilian Rance, John Blamey, Caroline Hill, Michael Doughty, Simon Foxley, Veronica & Michael Avery.

Remembering the departed: Catherine Bell

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>

Collection for Nepal/Tibet

This Sunday at all our services we will take a retiring collection towards emergency relief for those affected by the floods in Nepal and Tibet. We can accept both cash and card payments.

Afternoon tea: save the date

The Vicar and Wardens are holding a tea to say thank you to those who do so much for St John's in voluntary roles of various kinds. October 25th 2.30pm. Details to follow.

Harvest Supper

This year we will be holding our harvest supper on 26 September, 7.30pm, at All Saints'. Tickets are £5, £2.50 for under 16s, and available from Hazel.

Fire drill

It is a long time since we tested our ability to handle an emergency at church. We need to be confident that in the event of a fire or other emergency we can evacuate the church safely and with sufficient speed. We will, therefore, be holding a fire drill on a Sunday morning in the nearish future. In order to make this a real test, we will not offer more specific information in advance!

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.

Readers & Intercessors

Would you be interested in taking part in our services by reading the Bible readings or leading the intercessions? If you would like to put yourself forward, or would like to find out more, please have a chat with Ros.

Opening & Closing the Church

We are looking for someone who is able to help with closing the church on a Thursday afternoon and opening the church on a Friday morning. If you feel this is something you may be able to help with please speak with Amanda or Jen. Thank you.

Parish Administrator

Vicky will be on leave from Monday 17th August – Monday 7th September. During this time the Parish Office will be closed and emails monitored periodically. For any urgent matters please contact the Churchwardens or Keith.