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, Remembrance Sunday, are:
John 15: 12-17 and **James 3: 13-18**

Keith writes…

On Sunday 8 November we gather at St John's for our annual service of remembrance. We will don our poppies and solemnly commemorate and give thanks for all those who gave their lives for this country in the wars of the last 100 plus years. We will do this as we have done every year for many years, church and community coming together to remember what we owe to the sacrifices made by our predecessors.
Even though there are always conflicts somewhere in the world and despite the invention of atomic weapons I think we usually celebrate Remembrance feeling that our times are less dangerous. I'm not sure we can be so confident of that today. Things feel more precarious than for some time. The world order that has, generally, kept things under control, is weakened. Ukraine and the middle east are points of danger and tension. We have been warned that the aggression of Russia could lead to serious attacks on our infrastructure and that we should stock up to be ready for periods without electricity or internet. This is an alarming state of affairs.
When we gather on Remembrance Sunday we will thank God for the courage of those who went before us. We should also pray with renewed energy for peace, for the peacemakers, and for the strength and wisdom to identify and resist the forces of division and hate.

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, Rosina, Isla Helen Kirkby.

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

Christmas Fair Donations

Our Christmas Fair takes place on **Saturday 14th November, 11am – 3pm**. We are looking for donations of the following items; toys, books, jewellery, gifts, preserves, wrapped sweets, bottles & chocolates. Please bring any donations into church and place in the labelled boxes. We also require cakes for the Cake Stall and for Refreshments - Please leave your donations in the Dora Honor Room kitchen on Friday evening or bring to the Hall on Saturday morning. Please mark clearly 'Stall' or 'Refreshments'. All donations are gratefully received.

Community Christmas Tree Festival

The Community Christmas Tree Festival will be open to the public 5th-8th December every afternoon and evening. We need 40 volunteers to help host the event. It is not an onerous task - a 2 hour slot to welcome visitors and hand out voting slips! This is such a huge community event and is our chance to share the joy of Christmas in our beautiful church. We will be coming round after Sunday worship over the next few weeks to ask you to sign up or please let Amanda or Geoff know if you are willing to help. Many thanks

Botanical Place Bible Study Group

Clive Kirk will be leading a new series of meetings exploring the Bible to be held in the lounge at Botanical Place. Meeting weekly on a Tuesday at 3pm, including this Tuesday 10th November. The meeting is for residents of Botanical Place and everyone else! If you want to get to know and understand the Bible better this is for you! **Please contact Clive for further information on 07566 241766**.

Installation of a CCTV camera in the narthex

St John's remains committed to keeping its building open and welcoming the general public for worship, community gatherings, and private prayer. We also have organ students, our office administrator and volunteers who regularly use the church while the church is open. A little over a year ago, a theft occurred immediately following the 10am Sunday service. The church collection plate which was near the West doors was targeted and money was stolen before the funds could be securely transferred to the vestry. The theft compromised the safety of our staff, volunteers and students, who feel less safe since the incident.

So, the PCC has agreed to the installation of a Ring CCTV camera in the narthex. Visitors can only enter church by the West doors when it is open and no service or event is running. The camera will provide evidence of people entering the church, act as a deterrent to crime and provide reassurance to anyone in the church building. The camera's field of view will be strictly targeted at the West entrance and narthex and will not cover external areas or the main church space used for private devotions, individual pastoral care or worship. The system cannot stream or record active services because the camera does not cover the area where worship is taking place. Camera audio will be turned off and access to the video will be kept secure, accessible only to a few authorised users and deleted after a month, unless it is needed as evidence by the police. We have been using a doorbell camera at the vestry door for two years and the use of both these cameras will comply with diocesan and national requirements for a CCTV system in a public place. If you have any questions about this, then please contact me, Keith or the churchwardens. *Dave Roberts.*



Noticeboard

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

Saturday 7th November
10:00am Church Open
Sunday 8th November
8.00am Parish Eucharist
10:00am Remembrance Sunday Service followed by refreshments
Monday 9th November
9.30am Morning Prayer at Our Lady RC Church
10:00am Church Open
Tuesday 10th November
10:.00am Church Open
3:00pm Botanical Place Bible Study Group
6:15pm Junior Choir Practice
Wednesday 11th November
10:0am Parish Eucharist
11:00am Church Open
4:00pm Bible Study Group at Ciccio's Café, finishing at 5pm
8.15pm Choir Practice
Thursday 12th November
10:.00am Church Open
Friday 13th November
10:.00am Church Open
Saturday 14th November
10:00am Church Open
11:00am Christmas Fair until 3pm
Sunday 15th November
8.00am Parish Eucharist
10:00am Family Eucharist including Baptism followed by refreshments

Advance Dates

Sunday 22nd November	Christingle Service at 4pm
Sunday 29th November	Advent Procession at 6:30pm
5th – 8th December	Christmas Tree Festival

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.**