

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



Today's readings are **Luke 24: 13-35** and **Acts 2: 14a, 36-41**

Keith writes....

This Sunday 19 April we will be holding the Annual Parochial Church Meeting after the 10.00am eucharist. I very much want to encourage everyone to attend. The Church is the Body of Christ and we all belong and all count. This means that it is good to play our part in the governance of the church and to help review our performance in the past year and our prospects for the coming year. It is the occasion on which all our key officers and PCC are elected and, as such is a chance for anyone concerned for the ministry of this church to consider helping by standing for office. There are currently vacancies on the PCC that need filling – for example! Meanwhile, in the services at 8 and 10, we will be hearing the story of the disciples who met Jesus (but at first did not recognise him) on the road to Emmaus. It is a story that combines warmth, humanity and charm with powerful insights into the Christian experience. You will recall that Jesus tells them about how scripture foretells that the messiah must die before he enters glory and their hearts burn in response. Then, at the breaking of bread, their eyes are opened and they recognise the risen Lord. And so it is for us, as Sunday by Sunday, we meet the Lord in the reading of scripture and the sharing in the Lord's supper.

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 Doughy.

Remembering the departed:

Chrissie Beddows

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>

Exhibition - Ewa Brachel 'From Despair to Hope'

A big thank you to everyone who helped in whatever way, large or small, with our exhibition, 'From Despair to Hope'. It all helped towards making this a very special occasion which was much appreciated by the wider public. Not that statistics matter too much, but for what it's worth there were about 160 visitors, aside from the 45 at the Preview and many more coming to worship over Easter. Many good conversations happened too! Besides, £4.90 was donated by card machine, plus £20 in cash, to Ewa's charity supporting brain cancer research. Thanks again. *Anthony*

Agape Lunch

We will be holding an Agape meal at **12:00pm on Sunday May 10th** which is the first Sunday in Christian Aid week.

Agape is the word used in the Bible to describe sacrificial love. It is of course used to describe Christ's love for his church. It is in keeping with the spirit of love and sharing that we should have a frugal meal (bread, cheese and apple will be provided by the PCC and others). We would ask those attending to donate what they would usually spend on their Sunday lunch. All the money collected will go to Christian Aid. There will be a box on each table and someone with a card machine if you prefer to give by card.

Last year, a lot of food was left over, and it would be very helpful if people who expect to come could be kind enough to let us know via email to admin@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk so that we get an idea of numbers. This does not mean that people who have not put their name on the list cannot come if they find themselves able at the last minute.

Chrissie Beddows

A memorial service for Chrissie Beddows will be held at St John's on Wednesday 22nd April at 2:30pm. All at St John's are welcome to attend.

Talk, Think, Pray

At this month's Talk, Think, Pray (Sunday 19th April 6.30pm) we will be inspired by the Artemis journey to the moon to consider a Christian view of space travel. Is it a good idea? Should we build homes on other planets? What might we find out there? Does it matter theologically? Discussion will be followed by silence and Celtic Evening Prayer. All welcome.

Woking Community Grocery

The Welcome Church is setting up a Community Grocery next door to the church at 1-5 Church Street West, Woking. Its aim is to provide a bridge between food banks and supermarkets, helping to keep families fed so that no-one goes hungry. This is a model that exists across the UK and is open to anyone finding it tough to put food on the table. Membership is £5/ yr/ household and enables multiple visits/ week for good discounted food. They reckon that for an outlay of £5 a visitor gets a basket of food worth at least £20. Courses to support people with new skills, job applications and money management are also available.

Baby & Toddlers group

Please note that there will be no Baby & Toddlers Group on Wednesday 22nd April. The group will return as normal on Wednesday 29th April.

Quiz Night at All Saints'

Saturday 2nd May, 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Entry charge of £5 (cash on door) includes tea or coffee and a cake or biscuit in the interval but you are welcome to bring your own alcohol, nibbles and glasses! There will also be a raffle. Teams of 6, come as a team or join a team on the night.

Noticeboard

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

Saturday 18th April

10:00am Church Open

Sunday 19th April

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Family Eucharist followed by refreshments

11:30am APCM

6:30pm Talk, Think, Pray

Monday 20th April

9.30am Morning prayer

10:00am Church open

7:30pm Summer Fair Meeting in the DH Room

Tuesday 21st April

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 22nd April

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 23rd April

10:00am Church open

Friday 24th April

10:00am Church open

Saturday 25th April

10:00am Church open

Sunday 26th April

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

Advance Dates

Saturday 9th May

Sunday 10th May

Coffee Morning in aid of Woking Hospice at 10:30am

Agape Lunch at 12pm

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: **Neil Hatton** – 07593 372931. For prayer requests, please contact **Geoff Jones** - 01932 851830