

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST WEST BYFLEET

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10<sup>th</sup> May 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](mailto: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 **John 14: 15-21** and **Acts 17: 22-31**

### ***Jen writes...***

The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the third person of the Trinity is the subject of this week's reading. Jesus tells us that He must leave the world but the Spirit of truth will come to live with us and live in us. It's a powerful message and a message full of love. We are never alone, at our best or at our worst moments. God is with us. Living in us. Being with us. Filling us with His eternal love and comfort. Inspiring us. Giving us courage. Lifting us up. Creating within us a deep and personal connection with God. A connection which is shared by all Christians.

These truths, as promised by Jesus, can be overwhelming. But they can also be transformative and liberating. God loves us. Jesus tells us about His love 57 times in the Gospel of St John. But He also demonstrated His love beyond words through His actions and ultimately with His life. Knowing that we are loved, that God is living within us, what actions can we take in the week ahead to demonstrate our love and our compassion in our world and community?

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### **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.

#### **Remembering the departed:**

Please send any new prayer requests or updates to [admin@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk](mailto:admin@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk)

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### **Parish Office**

For all general (non-urgent) enquiries, please contact the Parish Office by emailing [admin@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk](mailto: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.

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### **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>

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### **Joint Service – Thursday 14th May**

A joint Said service for Ascension, will be held on **Thursday the 14th May at 7:30pm** at All Saints' New Haw. Please note that extra parking will be available at Vet Lab.

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## ECO News

Please take time to visit our ECO Church St John's Garden Area which is now developing into a lovely Bee friendly Garden. We now have a pond and tadpoles- ideal for the children to visit and to be involved with its creation. We are also planting shrubs that the flower arrangers could use in the Church. We are asking for anyone to sponsor a shrub so if you could help us achieve this aim, please speak to Anthony Hopkins, Janet Hodges, or Neil and Sue Hatton. They will purchase the shrub - and put the donation into the garden fund! Thank you so much!

The Wildflower Meadow now has a bird bath and poppies are soon to appear - it will be an amazing spectacle if we are patient!

The gardening team are always in need of any help with the grounds - so if you have a few hours to spare to help in any way, please contact us.

Join William (5) and Emily (7) as they gather leaves or dig up weeds under Janet's guidance! Families are welcome - bring a picnic! *Neil & Sue Hatton*

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### Summer Fair – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June

With the Summer Fair fast approaching we would be very grateful if you are able to donate items to be used on the various stalls – we are looking for the following:

**Homeware (no electrical ware or bric-a-brac), jewellery, sweets for filled jars, toys, plants, bottles for the tombola, raffle prizes & cakes to be sold on the cakes stall and in the food hall.** Boxes for donations will be available in church from **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**; please bring your donations into church and place in the correct marked box. Cakes & plants to be dropped off on the Friday (12th June) evening or on the morning of the fair.

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### Organ Recital - next Saturday, 16th May, at Woodham

Our neighbours at All Saints' Church, Woodham have recently rebuilt and upgraded their lovely Harrison & Harrison organ, and are holding monthly recitals this year in celebration. This month, our own Director of Music, Ian Church, is giving the recital - and invites members of the St John's congregation to come and hear a selection of pieces by British composers. The recital is at 4pm, followed by light refreshments. Free entry, with a retiring collection.

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### World Championships Fundraising

Vicky's (our Parish Administrator) 2 boys are both young martial artists who compete up and down the country. They have both recently been selected to join Team England and compete at the ICO World Championships in France this coming October; alongside 2 of their teammates. Prestigious events such as this often come with high costs to participate, along with travel and accommodation. To help the team on their way, Vicky has set-up a Gofundme fundraiser. Every contribution, big or small, will make a real difference. Thank you.

Donations can be made via the following link

<https://gofund.me/o6a9d9d8e> or by scanning the QR Code.



## Noticeboard

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

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am Church Open

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Start of Christian Aid Week

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

12:00pm Agape Lunch

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

09:30am Morning Prayer with Our Lady RC Church

10:00am Church open

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am Church open

6:15pm Junior Choir Practice

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8:15pm Choir Practice

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am Church open

7:30pm Ascension – Said Joint service at All Saints' New Haw

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am Church open

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

10:00am Church open

10:30am May Fayre at All Saints' New Haw until 3pm

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Family Eucharist followed by refreshments

6:30pm Talk, Think, Pray

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### Advance Dates

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Pentecost Praise at 4pm

Summer Fair 11am – 3pm

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### 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](mailto: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 **Geoff Jones** - 01932 851830