

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, Creationtide 2, are:
Matthew 5: 13-16 and Job 38: 1-18

Gillaine writes

Welcome to week 2 of Creationtide. Today our readings sweep from God's own words describing the majestic cosmos in Job, through to Jesus' personal call for us to be salt and light throughout the earth. Try not to lose the piece of rock salt you were given as you arrived this morning! Look after it carefully until the sermon, when we will use it to help us consider what salt really meant to Jesus' original audience. For instance, did you know that the word 'salary' comes from the word 'salt'? Only then can we choose whether or not we want to take up Christ's challenge to be salty, not just in our homes and communities, but throughout the entire Creation we have been entrusted to protect.

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 a copy of the latest church family newsletter please visit <https://www.allsaints-newhaw.org/news>

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 26th September, 7.30pm, at All Saints'. Tickets are £5, £2.50 for under 16s, and available from Judy Aguais on Sunday.

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.

Christmas Fair Meeting

Bridget is holding a Christmas Fair meeting on **Monday 21st September at 7:30pm** in the Dora Honnor room. We would love to have as many people as possible involved in this year's event so please come along. All are welcome.

Harvest Festival

Join us next Sunday (20th September) at 10am for our Harvest Festival. We will be collecting gifts of non-perishable food items; please bring these along to the service. Many thanks.

The Ariel Consort of London - Concert

We are pleased to invite everyone to a concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 3rd October (includes refreshments and finishing around 9pm). The Ariel Consort of London consists of some of the finest chamber-choir singers on the London choral scene. Meeting when they were members of the Chorus of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields, its members have also sung with the Monteverdi Choir, the Corydon Singers, the Tallis Chamber Choir and the Choir of the 21st Century. Performing a wide range of music from madrigals to major masses and oratorios, the group is delighted to be making its first appearance at St John's Church. Free entry, with a retiring collection (all proceeds to St John's).

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

Saturday 12th September

10:00am Church Open

Sunday 13th September

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist followed by refreshments

Monday 14th September

9.30am Morning Prayer at Our Lady RC Church

10:00am Church open

Tuesday 15th September

10:00am Church Open

6.15pm Junior Choir Practice

Wednesday 16th September

10:00am Parish Eucharist

11:00am Church open

8.15pm Choir Practice

Thursday 17th September

10:00am Church Open

Friday 18th September

10:00am Church Open

Saturday 19th September

10:00am Church open

Sunday 20th September

8.00am Parish Eucharist

10.00am Harvest Festival followed by refreshments

6:30pm Talk, Think, Pray

Advance Dates

Monday 21st September
Saturday 26th September
Saturday 3rd October

Christmas Fair Meeting at 7:30pm in the DH Room
Harvest Supper at All Saints' New Haw at 7:30pm
The Ariel Consort of London Concert at St John's

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**.