

Important Dates (Dec 2025)

Date	Event (Time)
2	Hot meals (6pm) No Hear, here clinic
8	Tea & Skittles (2pm)
9	Book club at Diane's house No Hear, here clinic
14	Café church Carol service (5pm)
24	Crib service(4pm)
25	Christmas day service
30	Sunday school Christmas party

room by the narthex, which is open daily from 9am—5:00pm to reflect in the presence of God.

Morning Prayers

Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (9:00 – 9.40am). Do please join us if you can. **Zoom ID 829 9475 0223; Passcode 104258.**

Hear, here NHS Clinics

No Hear, here clinic on 2nd and 9th December



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Newsletter Contributions and Enquiries

For contributions or enquiries on Baptism, marriage etc, please contact Valerie by phone (01483571018) or on Wednesdays 12-4:00pm or via email admin@stfrancisstclareguildford.org.uk



Welcome to



ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Parish of Guildford Emmanuel St Francis and St Clares (Guildford EFC)



Newsletter

14 December 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

Main Sunday Service Zoom Link
ID: 896 6125 2194; Passcode 050845

Readings:

Isaiah 35: 1-10
Matthew 11: 2-11

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer for Growth

'God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship and power to our witness. Help St Francis, St Clares and Emmanuel Churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymns

- Glorious light - (Getty)
- 438 Make Way
- Light of the world (Tim Hughes)
- 631 Tell out my soul

For your Prayers:

This week, we are thanking God for Louise, Craig, Mason, Jaxson, Phoebe Mansfield and for members of our parish for wisdom and discernment.

Preacher: Jo Franklin

Lead: Nicola Goff

Testimonies for the Newsletter

John gave account of *the War in Heaven* where Satan was defeated by Archangel Michael and courageous brethren who overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony (Revelations 12:11). For encouragement (Hebrews 11:2), from January 2026, a section of the Newsletter shall routinely bear witness to God's faithfulness, love, and the redemptive works of Christ (Revelations 19:10), through testimonies of Christ working in us, with us and through us. Entries are limited to **100 words** that describe the situation beforehand, how the miracles were encountered (e.g., prayers, prophetic words, scriptures, occasion, event, etc.), and how life has changed since then. You may choose to remain anonymous, however, please note that by submitting an entry, you agree we can share your testimony via the print and digital platforms of St Francis Church. Please submit entries to

testimony@stfrancisstclareguildford.org.uk by 21 December 2025. Alternatively, if you would prefer to have an interview for your testimony to be written by someone else and details shared with you for approval before submission, please send your request to Alison Stevenson via email (stevensonr70@yahoo.co.uk) and arrangements will be made for your interview.

Your friend and Minister,

Rev Oluwapelumi Adeyemi

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of ministry and mission, promoting a safer

culture and the welfare of all people safe at St Francis Church. We have adopted the Church of England's 'Promoting a Safer Church Policy' for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

If you have any concerns, please speak to the minister (Pelumi) or the Warden (Robert) and it will be followed up.

Prayer is key

If you feel burdened, in need of praying for self, someone else, or issues, step into the prayer

Date	Name
07/12/25	Charles and Brigitte Harris- Ahier
14/12/25	Val and Dave Holt
21/12/25	Louise, Craig, Mason, Jaxson, Phoebe Mansfield
28/12/25	Nelson, Fiona Kaweesa, Blessing,

