



Second Sunday in Lent — 10:00am Holy Communion

Matthew 4:1-11, John 10

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way may we come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns

654 The Lord's my shepherd
434 Loving shepherd
195 From heaven you came
303 I cannot tell

Prayer List

This week, we are thanking God for Jenny Ponsillo and members of our parish; we pray for healing, strength and discernment.

Preacher: Rev'd Pelumi Adeyemi

Lead: Rev'd Diane Peters

Sunday Service Zoom Link

ID: 896 6125 2194; Passcode 050845

Each week, we pray for families in church and the community. You could send requests to prayers@stfrancisstclareguildford.org.uk

Date	Name
01/02/26	Jenny Ponsillo
08/02/26	Roger and Mary Smith
15/02/26	Penny and Pete Smith
22/02/26	Angela and Dougie Snape

Highlight from last Sunday's Sermon: Burning Hearts: *Encountering the Living Word of God* by *Natalie Galer*

Last week, we explored the **transformative power of the Gospel** by examining the biblical account of the walk to Emmaus. Many Christians tend to lose their **missionary urgency** because they either forget or fail to grasp the **immense scale of God's love**. By connecting scriptural truth with personal encounter, believers can move from a state of doubt and spiritual fatigue to having "**hearts on fire**" for Christ. The Bible is not merely a rulebook but a "**secret rescue plan**" designed to reveal Jesus as the living Word. Ultimately, a deep and personal internalisation of this grace naturally compels us as believers to **share our faith**, overcoming social awkwardness through genuine passion.

Please visit and subscribe to our [YouTube Channel @StfrancisGuildford45](#) for more.

A Heartfelt Thanks

I would like to express my deep gratitude to everyone from across our diocese - and from further afield - who travelled to the Cathedral yesterday and joined together in prayer for Bishop Andrew and his family. Your presence was such a beautiful and moving display of love and support for our deeply-valued diocesan bishop. I know how much this prayer vigil meant to him, and as he had prayed, it truly was "*a time of profound worship and fellowship in the presence of the living God.*"

Blessings

Bishop Paul

Worker's Prayer Meeting on 2 March

There will be an Evening of Prayer and Worship on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:30 PM for all **Church Workers**. If you are on any rota at St Francis Church or on the Leadership Team, this includes you!.

This gathering will hold on the first Monday of every other month, starting in March 2026, while the Church leadership team continues to meet during the alternate months.

I look forward to praying with you, as co-workers in Christ's vineyard; remember Christ Jesus said, "...Apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5).


Rev'd Oluwapelumi Adeyemi

Sunday School: Nicodemus meets Jesus

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit." (John 3:5)

During Lent, we journey towards the cross with Jesus, encountering people along the way who encountered Jesus and help us to understand more about who he is. Today we will be learning about Nicodemus, a Pharisee, who went to see Jesus, and acknowledged him as a man of God

Alpha Course

 The Alpha course will run on **Tuesdays** here at St Francis Church starting February 3rd for 10 weeks (6:30 – 8:30pm). Please sign up at the back or visit our webpage for more information and registration (stfrancisguildford.co.uk/alpha/). You could also sign up in the sheet at the back. Please speak to Robert Stevenson for more info.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A service for everyone!
Friday 6 March
I will give you rest, come

St Francis Church
at 2 pm

Beckingham Road
Westborough
Guildford
Surrey
GU2 8BU

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Parking/bus stops- On street parking.

Parking at Westborough URC Church,
Southway GU2 8DA.

Bus 4 to Southway - Vernon Way stop
cut-through path to St Francis.

Bus 20 to Co-op Aldershot Road near,
Southway



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led
wwdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number 233242

Practicing the Way

This is a discipleship course for everyone with practical advice on how to live like Jesus in the modern world. It will run on **Wednesdays** starting February 4th for 8 weeks (7:30 – 8:30pm). Please sign up at the back or visit our webpage for more information and registration, please sign up on the sheet at the back. Please speak to Richard Horn for more info or visit www.practicingtheway.org

We need God in all we do; prayer is key

Please Pray 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.

The prayer room by the narthex is open daily from 9am—5:30pm. If you feel burdened, come in to pray for yourself, for someone else, for issues that worry you or simply step inside to reflect in the presence of God. Each week, we pray for families in church and the community. You could send requests to prayers@stfrancisstclareguildford.org.uk

Important Dates (February 2026)

Date	Event (Time)
2	Workers Prayer Meeting
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Alpha Course (7:15pm)
4, 11, 18,	Practicing The Way (7:30pm)
6	World Day of Prayer
8	Café Church (10:00 am)
9	Tea & Skittles
3, 17, 24,	Hear Here Audiology Clinic

Making Sense of Anxiety

When: Saturday 21st March 1.15-3.45pm

Where: St Clare's Church, Cabell Road, Park Barn.

Cost: FREE - donations kindly accepted in support of Emerge Mental Health Charity for their work with young people.

Anxiety can be bewildering and exhausting, but if we can learn to make sense of it and understand how our body responds to being anxious, then we discover how to be in control of our anxiety rather than it be in control of us.



Martin is a local GP with an interest in mental health. He is author of the book, 'Your Worry Makes Sense' and posts regularly about mental health on Instagram and TikTok as @doc_martin_gp



Suitable for all ages and stages, young people warmly invited.



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Newsletter Contributions & Enquiries

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

For your testimonies, God-incidents or coincidences witnessed or experienced, please submit entries of **150 words** to: testimonies@stfrancisstclareguildford.org.uk

You may choose to remain anonymous, however, please note: by submitting your story, you agree we can share your testimony via the print and digital platforms of St Francis Church.

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 contact the Minister (Pelumi), the Warden (Robert) or the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Steve)

Other programs

Morning Prayers on Zoom

Tuesdays (9:00 – 9.40am)

Do please join us if you can. *ID: 829 9475 0223; Passcode 104258*

Hear, here NHS Clinics

Tuesdays (9:30-11:00 am)

A Diocese of Guildford project in partnership with Sight for Surrey and the NHS, where our NHS audiology-trained volunteers provides community-based hearing aid maintenance.

Community Foodshare

**Open Mondays – Saturdays (9 am – 4pm),
Sundays (12:00-4:00pm)**