



Palm Sunday — 10:00am Service of the Word

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Collect

True and Humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you, on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

Hymns

290 Hosanna
762 You are the King of Glory
463 My song is love unknown
565 Praise my soul

Prayer List

This week, we are thanking God for Angela and Dougie Snape and members of our parish; we pray for healing, strength and discernment.

Preacher: Jyl Wheeler

Lead: Jo Franklin

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>
01/03/26	Jenny Ponsillo
08/03/26	Roger and Mary Smith
15/03/26	Penny and Pete Smith
22/03/26	Angela and Dougie Snape

Highlight from last Sunday's Sermon: The Transformative power of Scripture by Peter Evans

Last week we explored the theme of the sufficiency of Scripture and its transformative power in the lives of believers. The story of Lazarus and the rich man illustrates the importance of responding to God's word and showing compassion to those in need.

We can see the profound value of the Bible through the story of the persecuted church in North Korea as well as the inspiring story of James Lusted, a man who overcame significant physical challenges through faith. This sermon encourages you, the listener to view the scriptures as an essential, life-guiding resource rather than a mere historical text.

Ultimately, as believers we are called for a commitment to Bible study and the making of righteous life choices based on God's promises.

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

Funeral of the late Rt Rev'd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford

Dear family in Christ,

The Rt Rev'd Paul Davies, Bishop of Dorking, has announced the funeral arrangements for the Rt Rev'd Andrew Watson, following his death last week. The service will be held tomorrow on Monday 23 March at 12 noon in Guildford Cathedral, within a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

To ensure wide participation, each deanery will host a church livestream so people can join the worship remotely. In-person attendance has been arranged for Bishop Andrew's family and friends, Church of England bishops, licensed clergy of the Diocese of Guildford, representatives of diocesan and national ministries, civic

leaders across the region, and parish representatives from each deanery in the Diocese.

In the Guildford deanery, a livestream will be available at **St Nicolas' Church, Guildford**.



Prior to his death, Bishop Andrew requested that donations in his memory be given to support the mission and ministry of Guildford Cathedral. You may wish to donate using the QR code or weblink :

<https://andrew-watson1.muchloved.com>

Sunday School: Journey to the Cross



Jesus rides into Jerusalem at the start of Holy Week.

Emmanuel St. Francis St. Clare's

BIG CHURCH WEEKEND

1-3 May 2026

Prayer & Discipleship
Fun, Food & Community
Worship & Teaching

*£20/adult, £5/child
*pay-what-you-can

emmanuelchurch.co.uk/calendar

Guest Speaker

Laura Gallacher

Transformed

Alpha Course



The last session of the Alpha course for this set was on **Tuesday 24th March** here at St Francis Church starting February 3rd for 10 weeks (6:30 – 8:30pm). Thank you to everyone who participated.

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

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world

Holy Week



Palm Sunday
29 March 10AM



Maundy Thursday
2 April 6PM



Good Friday
3 April 3PM



Easter Sunday
5 April 10AM

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2 APRIL 2026

MAUNDY THURSDAY



Why come to a Maundy Thursday service and supper at 6pm on Thursday 2nd April? **It's an opportunity to recall the last Passover meal Jesus had with his disciples a meal that started with a glorious celebration and concluded with Jesus preparing his disciples for the days ahead a day when he would suffer pain and humiliation and die on the cross.** So join us as we eat and enjoy soup and bread, fruit and cake, sing, pray and listen to Jesus words to us His disciples in Westborough in 2026

THURSDAY SERVICE

6:00 PM

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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 (9:30)

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)**