



Easter — 10:00am Holy Communion

Jeremiah 31:1-6, Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hymns

348 Jesus Christ is risen today
637 The day of resurrection
In Christ alone
672 Thine be the glory

Prayers List

This week, we thank God for **Tracy Valler and David**, and all in our parish. We pray that the light of Christ will overcome every darkness.

Preacher: Rev'd Pelumi Adeyemi

Lead: Rev'd Rupert Masters

Sunday Service Zoom Link

ID: 896 6125 2194; Passcode 050845

Giving at St Francis Church

Regular giving makes a real difference, helping us plan long-term projects and ministry to share the love of Christ with all people.

If you would like to set up a standing order, please use the details below:

Account Name: **St Francis & St Clares Parochial Church Council**

Sort Code: **40-22-26**

Account Number: **91303368**

Reference: Giving/[SURNAME]

Alternatively, if you would like to make a secure one-off donation by credit or debit card, please use the payment point in church or scan the QR code

If applicable, please also tick the Gift Aid box.

God bless you.



Highlight from last Sunday's Sermon: *The Canon of Scripture* by Jyl Wheeler

The Canon of Scripture comprises 66 books, finalized in 397 AD at the Third Council of Carthage. To ensure divine authority, the early church applied criteria including apostolic authorship, widespread reception, and theological consistency. Because the canon is closed, warnings in Revelation prohibit adding modern "revelations" or external texts.

Jesus validated these scriptures, fulfilling Zechariah 9:9 through his humble Palm Sunday entry on a donkey. This "triumphal entry" was also "tragic," leading to Gethsemane where Jesus drank the "cup" containing the sins of all

humanity. By his sacrifice, he emptied this cup, establishing Holy Communion for believers.

As believers, we are never alone, as the Holy Spirit dwells within us as a guide. Ultimately, the Bible serves as a steadfast instruction manual designed to uplift and sustain faith throughout life's journey.

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

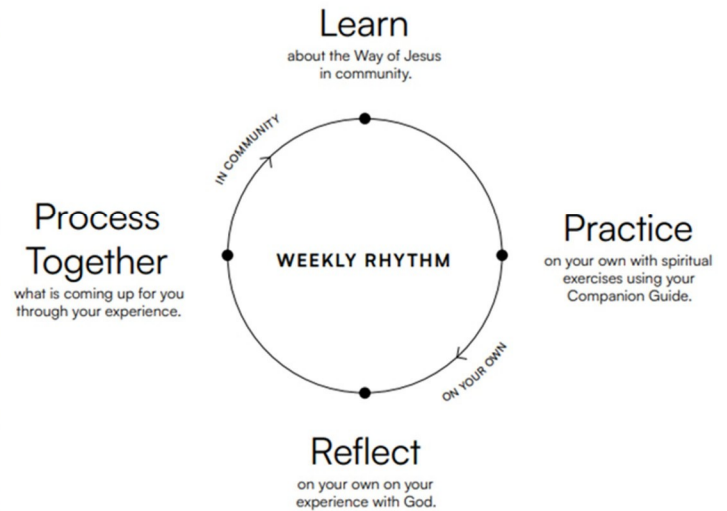


Practicing the Way

“The modern church is facing a crisis of discipleship”.



It's not that people don't want to become like Jesus or aren't trying to follow Jesus; it's that we often don't know how! **Practicing The Way** is a pathway of apprenticeship to Jesus—an invitation to take the next step into a deeper life with him. **Join us every Wednesday at 7:30pm in Church.**



Making Sense of Anxiety

When: Saturday 11th April 3-5.15pm

Where: St Clare's Church, Cabell Road, Park Barn, GU2 8JW.

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.

Please register your interest by emailing: pastoral@emmanuelchurch.co.uk



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.

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

Our broken car got fixed.... A testimony by Rev'd Pelumi Adeyemi

Relocating to Guildford was a blessing for our family after living apart during the pandemic, but the cost of living in the South quickly strained our finances. Praying for schools that met our children's educational and spiritual needs, we reluctantly found ourselves with a Church of England school about 6 miles away. By God's provision, we bought a used car for £1,500, making the school run manageable—until, a month later, the clutch broke. We were quoted £2,300 for repairs, and after checking other garages without finding anything cheaper, we surrendered it to God.

Important Dates (April 2026)

Date	Event (Time)
7	Leadership Team Meeting
8, 15, 22, 29	Practicing The Way (7:30pm)
12	Café Church (10:00 am)
13	Tea & Skittles
7, 14, 21, 28	Hear Here Audiology Clinic
28	Student's Fellowship (7:00pm)



School drop-offs became a grueling 1.2-hour multi-bus journey in bad weather, and I was desperate for a miracle. One morning, I felt God say, "Someone will offer you a vehicle today," and I laughed. But that evening, a neighbor I barely knew unexpectedly came to our door and, without being asked, suggested three much cheaper garage options. We chose the cheapest and most convenient—our next-door neighbor's garage—which repaired the car for £230 +VAT! Glory to God!!!

EMMANUEL CHURCH ST FRANCIS CHURCH ST CLARE'S PARK BARN

Churchwarden, PCC & Deanery Synod nominations

Step Up, Serve, Make a Difference

THREE CHURCHES-ONE PARISH

EMMANUEL CHURCH ST FRANCIS CHURCH ST CLARE'S PARK BARN

GEFC APCM meeting

7.45pm Monday 15th May

at Emmanuel Church

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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)**