



Easter 3— 10:00am Holy Communion

Zep 3:14-end, Acts 2:14a,36-41, Lk 24:13-35

Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Hymns

Before the throne of God above (Bancroft/Cook)
361 Jesus stand among us
Behold the lamb (Getty/Townend)
465 Name of all majesty

Prayers List

This week, we thank God for *Jyl & John Wheeler*, and all in our parish. We pray that the light of Christ will overcome every darkness.

Preacher: Richard Horn

Lead: Rev'd Diane Peters

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**

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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': *Locked Doors, Living Hope* by Rev'd Chris Reddin

Jesus' resurrection appearances gave people clear evidence that he was truly alive. His body was both recognizable and glorified. When he entered the disciples' locked room, he brought peace, forgiveness, and a new commission to continue God's work. He also breathed the Holy Spirit into them, giving them power to serve.



Thomas' story shows that doubt is not the real enemy of faith; fear is. Yet God can use doubt to deepen trust and help people grow. These encounters changed

frightened disciples into bold witnesses who spread the gospel.

That same transformation is available to believers today. We are called to serve God's purpose and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do so. Above all, the risen Jesus offers himself to all people now, reminding us that his victory on the cross has conquered fear, death, and weakness.

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

Volunteers Needed

Sunday School Teachers

As the Church continues to grow, so does our opportunity to share the hope of Christ with others. The Sunday School is a place where children can encounter the living Christ, learn the truth of God's Word, and grow in faith. In every lesson, prayer, and conversation, teachers help lay a foundation that can shape a lifetime of discipleship.

We are inviting faithful, caring, and willing hearts to join our Sunday School ministry. Whether you have years of teaching experience or simply a desire to serve, God can use your gifts to bless and strengthen our church family.

If you feel led to invest in the spiritual growth of our children and youth, please speak to Valerie Adeyemi or Rev'd Diane Peters



Safeguarding Helpers

We are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare for all.

We are looking to strengthen our team to ensure our church is a safe place for all, particularly children and vulnerable adults. If you have a heart for protection and can help with promoting good practice, please speak to Robert or Pelumi

Want the Best Seat on Sunday Morning?

Are you interested in joining an awesome team of "audio geeks"? The Audiovisuals Ministry is looking for volunteers to help run our sound desk and PowerPoint slides. You don't need to be an expert—we **will train you!** In just a short time, you'll be an essential part of making our worship services happen. Please speak to Robert or Pelumi

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1-3 May 2026

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Laura Gallacher



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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 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)**