



Trinity 3— 10:00am Service of the Word

Jer. 28:5-9, Rom. 6:12-end, Matt.10:40-end

Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus Christ you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymns

298 I am a new creation

528 Only by grace

502 O how good is the Lord (verses 1,2,3 & 6)

I will make you fishers of men

766 You shall go out with joy

Prayers List

We pray growth in numbers, in spiritual commitment to the Gospel of Christ and in service to our local communities. Amen.

Preacher: Rev'd Diane Peters

Lead: Natalie Galer

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 by Rev'd Pelumi Adeyemi

Last week's sermon addressed the difficult 1888 responsibility of **remaining faithful to God's message** even when it leads to social isolation or unpopularity.

Drawing from the biblical accounts of **Jeremiah and Ezekiel**, the text illustrates how these prophets were tasked as **watchmen** to warn people of coming judgment despite facing intense persecution and character assassination from the ones they warned of the impending dangers.

Pelumi connects these ancient narratives to modern life by sharing personal anecdotes

about **integrity and honesty**, highlighting how standing for the truth can lead to temporary suffering but ultimate vindication. Using the example of **Jesus Christ**, he encourages all to find **courage and resilience** in their divine calling. Ultimately, the message serves as an exhortation to **stand firm in one's convictions**, trusting that God provides strength to those acting as His witnesses in a hostile world.

Please see graphical abstract on next page and subscribe to our [YouTube Channel @StfrancisGuildford45](#) for more.

The Courage to Be Unpopular: Standing for the Truth

The Watchman's Burden

The Duty of the Watchman



One must blow the warning trumpet regardless of whether the people choose to listen.

The Cost of an Unpopular Message

Truth-tellers often face character assassination, isolation, mockery, and betrayal by their own community.



Jeremiah's Resilience



He contended with five different rulers without softening God's message to gain favor.

Consistent Message Across Circumstances



Finding Strength to Stand

"Do Not Be Afraid of Them"

God's command to Jeremiah emphasizes that divine presence outweighs the fear of people.



The Reality of Vindication

Recognition of integrity may come late, but the ultimate reward is eternal.

Stand Your Ground

Regardless of the situation, maintain your position if you have been sent with truth.



NotebookLM

The World Cup and Domestic Abuse

While many people in our community will be joining the millions of others enjoying the football, sadly there is well documented research of the association between major football tournaments and an expected increase in reported domestic abuse incidents.

Clearly, football does not cause domestic abuse. However, tournaments like the World cup can act as a trigger or intensifier where coercive or violent behaviour already exists.

So, during the next 4 weeks please be particularly vigilant and open to conversations if someone reaches out to you about this. You can then help that person to reach out to the safeguarding team for support. See below.

If you are a victim or survivor of domestic abuse, please reach out to the Parish Safeguarding Team via email safeguarding@emmanuelchurch.co.uk, via the safeguarding mobile 07421 443031 or come in person to the Parish Centre and ask to speak to someone about safeguarding.

There are people at each of the three churches in the parish that can offer you a safe space to share your concerns and help to seek any support you may need.

Family Pilgrimage -celebrating the life of St Francis of Assisi

We would like to invite you to join the Guildford Franciscans on a family pilgrimage of 2 miles on Saturday 18th July to celebrate the Anniversary of St Francis' passing in Assisi 800 years ago. Franciscans worldwide are celebrating this anniversary, including a national pilgrimage from Northumberland to London, which also starts on 18th July.

Our route begins at St Francis and ends in the Lady Chapel of Guildford Cathedral via All Saints, Onslow Village. There will be lively music, worship, drama and story-telling. We would love to have you join us for this special anniversary. To learn more please see the attached flyer and information sheet. It is not essential, but letting us know if you're joining would help in planning. Non-walkers can join by car!



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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

Important Dates (June 2026)

Date	Event (Time)
1	Leadership meeting (7.30pm)
2	Hear Here Audiology Clinic
8	Café Church (10:00 am)
9	Tea & Skittles (2-4pm)
10	Bishop's Gathering Meeting at Emmanuel (7pm for 7.30pm)
15	St Francis Book club @ 10 Weston Road
15	PCC Meeting @St Francis (7:30 pm)

Prayer meeting; prayer is key

Prayer meeting in July – Wednesdays @7:30pm



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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)***