



Trinity 6— 10:00am Café Church

Mark 12:41-44 Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymns

298—I am a new creation

Read your bible, pray everyday

212—God forgave my sin

Bless the Lord O my soul

Prayers List

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

Preacher: Thom Jee

Lead: Rev'd Diane Peters

Sunday Service Zoom Link:

ID: 896 6125 2194; Passcode 050845

Guildford Vacancy in See

The Vacancy in See Committee is a group of lay and clergy members tasked with preparing a Statement of Needs, articulating the qualities needed in our next Bishop, and electing members from the diocese to the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC), the body that interviews candidates and ultimately appoints the next Bishop of Guildford.

As part of its work, the Vacancy in See Committee wants to listen carefully to voices across the Diocese. As we discern who God may be calling as the next Bishop of Guildford, we warmly invite you to share your views through our diocesan consultation.

Please take by scanning the QR code to participate before 8am, 20 July.



Highlight from last Sunday by *Natalie Galer*

In last week's sermon, Natalie explored the concept of **spiritual freedom** by examining the human struggle to align actions with good intentions.

She highlighted how **insecurity and a lack of identity** often lead to reactionary behaviours, contrasting this with the **absolute security** Jesus found in his Father's love.

By internalising the truth that they are **beloved children of God**, we as believers can overcome self-rejection and the compulsion to prove our worth to the world.

True liberty is found through **intimacy with Christ**, inviting us to embrace "unforced rhythms of grace" and rest.

Spiritual freedom is a journey of walking closely with God to dismantle worldly lies and live from a place of total security.

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

The Path to Spiritual Freedom: From Insecurity to Identity

THE PRISON OF INSECURITY

IDENTITY OVER ACTION

We act outside of love when our sense of worth and security is threatened.

HUMILITY VS. PRIDE

Pride masks insecurity; true humility is thinking of yourself less, not thinking less of yourself.

THE TRAP OF SELF-REJECTION

The greatest trap is believing voices that call us worthless or unlovable.

Internal Result

Outward Behavior

SOURCE OF IDENTITY & OUTWARD BEHAVIOR

THE WORLD

Fear of lacking worth
Lashing out, defensiveness, and a need for control.

THE FATHER

Security in being "Beloved"
Spiritual freedom, unhurried love, and rested emotions.

THE UNFORCED RHYTHMS OF GRACE

ANCHOR THE DAY IN INTIMACY

Prioritize solitary time with God to internalize your identity as His child.

ALIGN YOUR WILL

Listen for God's voice to lift the pressure of making perfect decisions alone.

LOVE WITHOUT HURRY

Operate from total security to prioritize people over distractions or "emergencies."

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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.

Vacancy Prayer

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:6-18

God of our salvation, as we journey through our centenary year of the Diocese of Guildford, help us to look back with thanksgiving and forward with expectation.

Continue to renew our hearts through the work of your Holy Spirit, as we seek to be ever more faithful in our discipleship and effective in our work with children, young people and all our communities.

Give grace to all involved in the discernment of a new diocesan bishop. Bless them with the gifts of divine insight, unity and wisdom. Raise up, we pray, a chief pastor who is rooted in your Word and able to lead us in our mission of transforming church, transforming lives.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.



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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 (July 2026)

Date	Event (Time)
8	Leadership Prayer Meeting
14	Hear Here Audiology Clinic
12	Café Church (10:00 am)
13	Tea & Skittles (2-4pm)
18	Family Pilgrimage
	St Francis Book club @ 10 Weston Road

Family Pilgrimage Journey

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!

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.





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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)**