



Trinity 7— 10:00am Holy Communion

Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 8:12-25, Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymns

565 Praise my soul

1 Abba Father

249 Great is thy faithfulness

54 At the name of Jesus

Prayers List

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

Preacher: Peter Evans

Lead: Rev'd Pelumi Adeyemi

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 Rev'd Thom Jee

Last week's **sermon** delivered by Thom focuses on the spiritual principles of **Christian giving** and stewardship.

Using the biblical story of the **widow's mite**, Thom emphasizes that God values the **sincere heart** of the giver rather than the specific monetary amount contributed.

He encourages us to view our finances as a **symbolic reflection** of our love for Jesus, asserting that true generosity should be **sacrificial and joyful** rather than dutiful.

Thom concludes his sermon with an invitation

for us to make **financial pledges** to support our ministry while explicitly exempting guests from any obligation to donate.

Ultimately, his sermon teaches us that since we believers cannot **outgive God**, we should manage our resources as temporary stewards of His **abundant grace**.

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

The Heart of Giving:

A Guide to Sacrificial Generosity

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE HEART

It's Not the Amount, It's the Heart
Jesus values the sacrificial nature of a gift over the total monetary value.



TWO PILLARS OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

You Can't Outgive God
Whatever we sacrifice is nothing compared to the blessings and love God pours out.



The Widow's Two Mites

A widow's two pennies delighted God more than the bags of gold from the rich.





Giver Type Comparison

GIVER TYPE & DIVINE RESPONSE (Based on Sacrifice)

 The Wealthy Out of riches/excess	 The Widow Out of poverty/all she had	 The Child (8p) Out of 10p pocket money
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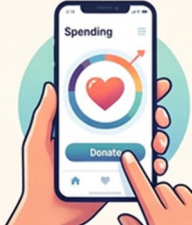
From Tithing to Stewardship

10% Law
We are no longer under a 10% law, but a grace where everything belongs to God.

Grace & All Belongs to God

The Banking App Test

Our spending habits reveal our true priorities and what is happening in our hearts.



Joyful, Not Dutiful

Dutiful (Guilt)
Giving should be a cheerful response to God's love, not done out of guilt.

Joyful (Cheerful Response)

NotebookLM

Giving at St Francis Church

We are so grateful for your contribution. We could not do this without you! The church only has two sources of income; financial giving/donations from members of our congregation and a small amount of income from the hire of church facilities.

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.

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.

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 (7.30pm)
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

The World Cup and Domestic Abuse

Following England's World Cup semi-final defeat last Wednesday, West Midlands Police reported that emergency calls more than doubled, with 1,083 calls received between 10pm and 3am. The force has not published how many of these were related to domestic abuse.

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

So, please continue to 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.



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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)***