



Trinity 9— 10:00am Holy Communion

Isaiah 55:1-5, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns

45 As the deer
162 Father I place into your hands
66 Be still and know
Behold the lamb (Getty/Townend)

Prayers List

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

Preacher: Richard Horn

Lead: Rev'd Rupert Masters

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 Rev'd Pelumi Adeyemi

Last week's sermon explores the profound impact of making **God your primary heart's desire** by drawing on biblical accounts of Solomon, David, and Joshua.

Pelumi emphasises that **trusting in divine wisdom** rather than personal understanding allows believers to align their lives with a higher purpose.

Through anecdotes involving **lost keys and buried treasure**, he illustrates that God cares for both minor inconveniences and life-changing breakthroughs.

Constant communication with the Holy Spirit provides guidance even when we as individuals cannot find the words to pray. Ultimately, you are encouraged to view your relationship with God as a **valuable treasure** that brings joy and transformation. This spiritual commitment is the key to navigating **difficult trials and finding peace** in impossible situations.

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

IS GOD YOUR HEART'S DESIRE?

SEEKING A DISCERNING HEART



TRUST BEYOND YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING
Solomon advised relying on God's path over personal intelligence.



DELIGHTING THROUGH CONSTANT COMMUNICATION
True delight involves studying scripture and praying until your thoughts align with God's.



THE POWER OF A DISCERNING HEART
Solomon's prayer for wisdom at Gibeon transformed his leadership and legacy.

SELF-RELIANCE	HEART ALIGNED WITH GOD
 Perspective: Limited to own insight	 Perspective: Guided by the Holy Spirit
 Outcome: Struggle and confusion	 Outcome: Paths made straight by God
 Desires: Temporary goals	 Alignment: Alignment with God's eternal will

FINDING HIDDEN GRACE



TREASURES HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT
A couple found 264 gold coins worth £754,000 buried under their kitchen floor.

FROM OLD LIFE TO NEW IDENTITY
Encountering God's grace is like a fisherman catching a transformative new treasure.



COMMITTING THE SMALLEST DETAILS
Trust God with everything, from difficult life trials to simply finding lost keys.



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 (August 2026)

Date	Event (Time)
3	Leadership Prayer Meeting (7.30pm)
14	Hear Here Audiology Clinic
9	Café Church (10:00 am)
7, 14, 21, 28	Meet & Munch
	St Francis Book club @ 10 Weston Road

The World Cup and Domestic Abuse

Following England's World Cup semi-final defeat last month, West Midlands Police reported that emergency calls more than doubled, with 1083 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)