



Trinity 11— 10:00am Holy Communion

Isaiah 56:1,6-8, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymns

509 O Lord all the world belongs to you
528 Only by grace
Beneath the cross of Jesus (Getty)
295 How lovely on the mountains

Prayers List

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

Preacher: Jo Franklin

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 Diane Peters

In this sermon, **Diane** explores "**faith wobbles**" using the stories of Peter and Elijah. Set against the backdrop of the **Sea of Galilee**, she recounts how Peter impetuously stepped out of a safe boat to meet Jesus walking on water. When stormy waves caused Peter to sink, Jesus' outstretched hand immediately rescued him.

Diane parallels this with **Elijah**, who hid in a cave until God reached out through a "**still small voice**" and provided the practical support of Elisha. These "wobbles" aren't signs of weak faith but opportunities to grow by "letting go and letting God".

Diane encourages us to recognize the **helping hands** God provides through community and

grace. Whether you are "walking on water" or feel like you are sinking, remember that **God is in the boat with you**, ready to catch you and help you stay the course.

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

When Faith Wobbles: Finding God's Helping Hand



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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**

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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.

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)
25	Hear Here Audiology Clinic
9	Café Church (10:00 am)
7, 14, 21, 28	Meet & Munch
5, 12, 19, 26	Prayer meeting & bible study
	St Francis Book club @ 10 Weston Road

Hear, Here Clinic

There will be **no** Hear, here clinics on 11th or 18th August.. Normal service will resume on 25th August



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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)***