

Weekly Worship

Fountain of life....



ST FRANCIS
CHURCH

20th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 18th October 2026

Every 1st &
3rd Sunday

**Holy
Communion**

Every 2nd
Sunday

**Café
Church**

Every 4th &
5th Sunday

**Service
of Word**

Zoom
ID: 896 6125
2194;
Passcode
050845

All services



Welcome to St Francis Church

This week we shall be celebrating communion. Everyone who loves Jesus is welcome to join us, if you would rather come up to the front for a blessing please feel free to do so.

This week's readings

Isaiah 45 1-7

1 Thessalonians 1 1-10

Matthew 22 15-22

Collect for this week

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what is past and following after that which is to come, we may run with joy the way of your commandments: through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**We welcome Chris Reddin who will be preaching and
Pelumi will be leading the service**

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet: God's Invitation & Our Garment

CONTEXT

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a royal wedding feast. When original guests refuse, the King opens the banquet to everyone on the streets, demonstrating God's radical grace and the necessity of true faith.



1. THE OPEN INVITATION



**WELCOMED
REGARDLESS OF MERIT**

 God invites everyone—the messy, broken, bad, and good—purely out of love.



**SHARE THE NEWS
WITH EVERYONE**



We must not decide who will accept; our role is to invite all people.

2. THE REQUIRED GARMENT



**CLOTHED IN THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS
OF CHRIST**

 Righteousness is a free gift received solely through placing faith in Jesus.

**SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS
IS NOT ENOUGH**



Trying to justify ourselves leaves us unclothed in filthy rags before a holy God.



Just for St Francis

What's happening in the next few weeks
October -November 2026

Date	Event (Time)
Tuesdays	Hear, here NHS Clinic (9:30AM-11:00AM)
Fridays	Meet and Munch (10:00AM-12.00PM)
Tuesdays	Morning Prayer on Zoom (9:30AM) ID:829 9475 0223 Passcode 104258
Wednesdays	Prayer meeting (7:30PM) everyone needed!
8th Oct	Church Growth Conference (All Workers) - £12 at Welcome Church, Woking GU21 6DJ
31 st October 4.00 - 6.00pm	The Light Trail - spreading Light on Halloween -more details later.
8 th November	Remembrance Sunday Service starts at 10.45

Parish Notices



Pelumi is planning an amazing trip: He will be visiting Nigeria from the 9th - 18th November. He will be travelling with Paul Davies Bishop of Dorking to Abuja for the Divine Commonwealth Conference to strengthen relationships within the Guildford-Nigeria Link . Following the conference he will travel to Kwara State to be 'collated as Venerable'. We should pray for god's blessing a fruitful ministry.

We will soon be welcoming Natalie Galer who will be working working as administrator for the Parrish, spending part of her time helping us at St Francis.

The morning service on **8th November will start at 10.45** as the British Legion will be joining us for a Remembrance Service

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the 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)

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

Giving at St Francis Church

Jesus gave his life for us, everything we have belongs to him. We show our thanks by giving our time, money and resources/ St Francis needs our long term financial support

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]



If you would like to make a secure one-off donation as a thank you for God's blessings, please use the payment point in church or scan the QR code

If applicable, please also tick the Gift Aid box.

Newsletter Contributions & Enquiries

For contributions or enquiries on Baptism, marriage etc, please contact Admin by phone (01483571018) or via email: admin@stfrancisstclareguildford.org.uk

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