

# Goring United Reformed Church

A joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church



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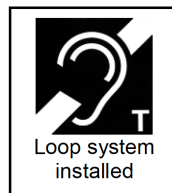
# WELCOME

Sunday 21st May 2023

10.30am Morning Worship : Mrs Valerie Cooper

Duty Elder today : Rosina Bayley

If you are new here to Goring United Reformed Church, please pick up a New Here? leaflet from the back of the church, or visit our website [gurc.net](http://gurc.net) under 'Publications'



## Songs and Readings for this morning:-

Song: My Lighthouse

MP 435 Lord, Jesus Christ

MP 782 Worthy, O worthy are You Lord

MP 118 You Draw near to God

MP 619 Such love

MP 1210 My life flows on

Revelation 4

Luke 13:18-21

Psalms 15

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**We are here to worship God and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to all**

# Intercessory Prayers for the Week

## Let us remember and pray for the people in Ukraine

The war in Ukraine has been raging for over a year.

Pray for people, many have lost everything, family members, homes and livelihoods. Pray for many refugees 8.2 million Ukrainians have been registered in Europe with 2.8 million in Russia. Praise God that 1/2 million Bibles have been distributed across the country. *Christina Shearer*

More prayers on separate or later page

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## Church Family Prayers

During the year we also remember those in our Church family.

This week -

Do Goodchild, Caroline Hibbs, Barbara Hillman, Bobby Hitchin

Please see and use our online Prayer Book - <https://gurc.net/prayerbook>

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## This week's Events

Mini Fishes – Monday 9.30am Main Hall/Cornwall Room

Coffee, Tea & Cake Drop-in – Monday 2.00pm Sanctuary

Table Tennis – Tuesday & Friday 9.30am Main Hall

Fellowship -Tuesday 2.00pm - 4:00pm Cornwall Room. AGM

Bible Study: Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:30pm:

Church Meeting: Thursday 7:00pm in Sanctuary

Sunday 28 May 10:30am: Mrs Wendy Piccinni from the Leprosy Mission

Full Diary of Events on our website <https://gurc.net/diary>

# NOTICES

## Children & Young People

Do you have a heart for children's work? We have two areas of children's work that are looking for help at the moment.

Volunteers are needed to help at Mini Fishes on a Monday morning, and to teach the Junior Church on a Sunday morning. Both of these groups are desperately needing more people to help, in order to keep them from closing down. Please prayerfully consider if you can help to serve our church in this way. Inside last week's welcome were two role descriptions / application forms; the purple for Junior Church and the blue for Mini Fishes.

There are spares at the back of church if you missed them. If you feel led to serve, please complete the relevant form and hand it back to Val Gill or Mary Redman. (This is a new way for us to collate volunteers, and will bring us in line with the Safer Recruitment Policy of the URC.) Thank you,

*Mary Redman (Children's Elder)*

## Ann Foster

The service of thanksgiving for Ann Foster, friend of this Church, who died on 30 April, will be held at Bury Drive Methodist Church at 11.15 on Friday 26 May.

Refreshments will be served in their Church Hall after the service. All are welcome.

*Christina Shearer & Hilary Redman*

## Outreach Group

The Outreach Group is arranging a men's meal on Wednesday 7th June at the Toby Carvery (George V Avenue). If you would like to come, please sign up either via the sheet at the back of the church or through ChurchSuite. If you have any questions, please speak to -

*Ryan Thomas.*

## Andrew's Retirement

You are invited to join us for Andrew's final service before retirement on Sunday 18th June when Sompting URC will be joining us for the service and a 'bring and share' lunch. If you would like to stay for the lunch please bring a plate of food to share if you are able to. Goring will be providing the savouries and Sompting will be bringing the desserts. We look forward to getting together and giving Andrew and Jill a good send off.

*Val Gill (Church Secretary)*

## Summer Chronicle

The next issue of The Chronicle will include coverage of Andrew & Jill's last Sunday with us. This Summer magazine will be the last Chronicle in its present format and so I look forward to receiving any articles you may have by next Sunday.

Chronicle has been running since 1944!

*Graham Redman*

# NOTICES continued

## **Bible Society**

The meal and talk by Andy Roberts at St. Stephen's was a great success raising £1004, approx 200 Bibles or aid for Ukrainian Bible Society.

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Summer Celebration in June to be held here URC. Please see flyer on notice boards. Tickets available from me. *Christina Shearer.*

## **Annual Accounts 2022**

The accounts will be presented at May Church Meeting – copies are available in the vestibule for your consideration.

Matthew Smith Treasurer

## Note from Valerie Cooper

Thank you to the person who returned the circular cake box. It belongs to Ryan's Mum who very kindly donated a very lovely chocolate cake for the Christian Aid coffee morning last Friday. Donations are still being accepted for Christian Aid.

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## **Welcome and Diary Dates**

Please send items for next week's Welcome to - [welcome@gurc.org.uk](mailto:welcome@gurc.org.uk)

Changes and additions to our Church Diary to - [diary@gurc.org.uk](mailto:diary@gurc.org.uk)



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**Sunday:** Worthy, O worthy are You, Lord, worthy to be thanked and praised - worshipped and adored. Sing hallelujah, lamb upon the throne, we worship and adore You make Your glory known. Hallelujah, glory to the King: You're more than conqueror, You're Lord of of everything! (MP782)

**Monday:** God, and Father of us all, we do indeed worship You. You are always ready to hear our prayers and answer us when we call. Today we pray for those who do not know Your name, nor know that You made them and love them; who do not know that You hear them when they call. Help us to be bold and gracious in our witness to You so that others may come to know You too.

**Tuesday:** Today we remember those who live in fear: fear of poverty, fear of sickness, of dying, of being alone, those in fear of what the future holds. Lord God we pray that all Your children will come to know You and be freed of fear - trusting You for all their needs.

**Wednesday:** Remind us Lord, that we are here to serve You - with the hands, and feet and hearts which You have given us for that purpose. Strengthen us to do Your will, that we may help in the bringing in of Your Kingdom here on earth.

**Thursday:** Lord we are reminded of the need to serve You in witness to the Young people and children in this church. Help us to hear Your calling and answer 'is it I Lord? What can I do?' Help us to engage with young and old alike as we meet each other in Your house.

**Friday:** The time is coming when we must say 'good bye' to Jill and Andrew who have served You and us in place for many years. We will miss them. Bless them in whatever work You call them to do for You.

**Saturday:** We pray for all the people of this church, Your Body in this place of worship, then help us to show the light of Your love as we meet our neighbours, and go about our daily lives. Help us to live for You and Your great Kingdom of love and light - right where we are.