

# WELCOME

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GoringURC

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# NOTICES

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### ■ ORDER OF SERVICE

*Call to Worship*

MP 1072 In Christ Alone

*Prayer of Confession*

MP 746 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

MP 881 Lord I Lift Your Name on High

OT *Isaiah 42:1–8*

NT *Mark 1:1, 14–20*

Sermon *"Is there any Good News for today?"*

MP 59 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

*Prayers*

*Communion*

MP 1006 I Could Sing of Your Love for Ever

### ■ UPCOMING SERVICES

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:30 Revd Andrew Sellwood  
with Church Family Breakfast

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:30 Revd Kenneth Lynch

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:30 Rosina Bayley

### ■ BIBLE QUOTE

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. *Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)*

### ■ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The front cover shows the artwork for the 2023 World Day of Prayer. The theme is **I Have Heard About Your Faith** and the service has been produced by women in Taiwan. The artist, Hui-Wen Hsaio has used several motifs highlighting Taiwan's best known features. Two endangered species are featured: the Mikado pheasant and the black-faced spoonbill. The Phalaenopsis (butterfly) orchids are the pride of Taiwan, which has a worldwide reputation as the 'Kingdom of Orchids'. This year's service will be held on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at 14:30 at St. Michael's, High Salvington.

# Prayer

### ■ DAILY

**Sunday:**

Give thanks for the privilege of worshipping together either in person or via the internet. Make us ever mindful of those who can only do so under threat of persecution. Strengthen their faith and give them courage.

**Monday:**

At the start of a new week remind us Lord, that You are always with us. Guide, strengthen and comfort us as necessary and help us learn to trust in You.

**Tuesday:**

Lord, we give thanks for the joy of reading and learning and for those with the gift of writing. Pray for all who promote literacy and education remembering those who are denied these gifts through poverty or policy.

**Wednesday:**

As we turn on the tap in our home to access water for our daily needs help us to remember those who have to travel long distances for water which is often contaminated and heavy to carry. Lord, we pray for those who give and work to ensure access to clean water and good sanitation. Show us how we can play our part.

## ■ CHURCHSUITE

### Elders

### Thursday:

Lord, we give thanks for our hobbies of gardening, knitting, DIY, sport, music, reading or whatever. As we enjoy the sense of well-being, satisfaction and peace that these afford, we stop to think of those who cannot share in this blessing of hobby-time. Especially those in war-zones or fleeing war and oppression, becoming refugees. We pray for peace.

### Friday:

We pray for all who are struggling with ill-health and for those who care for them: medical staff, family and friends. Give them patience, strength and understanding.

### Saturday:

As we give thanks for the food on our table, in the cupboard, fridge and freezer let us not forget those who worry about where the next meal is coming from. Pray for all those who try to feed the hungry at home and abroad, and those who seek a fairer distribution of the world's wealth. Show us our responsibility in this, Lord.

Invitations to sign up to *My ChurchSuite* are currently being emailed in small batches to church members – some of you will have received one in the last few days but if you have not it will be worth checking your inbox. You can log on to *My ChurchSuite* on computers, laptops, tablets and smart phones simply by clicking the link in the email. If you have any problems then please ask either Ryan or Mary for help.

## ■ OUTREACH UPDATES

The next Church Family Breakfast will be on *Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February*, served from 09:45. February birthdays will also be celebrated with chocolates on the same day at 10:25.

Our next GURC Ladies Are Dining meal out together will be at the Toby Carvery (aka The George) on *Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March* at 19:00. Please add your name to the paper list or sign up on *ChurchSuite* (see above).

We will be holding our next coffee morning on *Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March* for the charity The Leprosy Mission. Drop in at any time between 09:45 and 12:00 and bring some friends.

We are also planning a Bring & Share Lunch to celebrate the Coronation on *7<sup>th</sup> May*, with further details to follow. *May* will also play host to the return of the much-missed Christian Aid Quiz. The Barn Dance will also return for Harvest around *September/October*.

## ■ CHURCH FAMILY

During the year we also remember all in our Church Family. This week:

Wilfred & Eileen Rhodes  
and Rita Roberts

## ■ THANKS

*Bett Swierk*

Thank you for the flowers given to me on Sunday, a lovely unexpected surprise.



# Diary, Info & Misc

## ■ COFFEE MORNING

*Valerie Cooper*

A big thank you to all who attended or donated cakes and/or money at our recent coffee morning for Breast Cancer Care. The final total is £96 and I have sent a cheque to the charity on behalf of GURC. Our next charity coffee morning in March is for The Leprosy Mission

## ■ THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	14:00–16:00	<b>Coffee &amp; Cake</b> including Warm Space
<b>Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	09:30–11:15	<b>Table Tennis</b>
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	09:30–11:15	<b>Table Tennis</b>

## ■ ADVANCE NOTICE

<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	09:45–10:30	<b>Church Family Breakfast</b>
<b>Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	14:00–16:00	<b>Tuesday Fellowship</b>
<b>Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	19:00	<b>Midweek Praise Service</b> with refreshments
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	19:00	<b>GLAD Meal</b>
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	09:45–12:00	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in support of the Leprosy Mission
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Coronation Lunch</b>

## ■ BEHIND THE SCENES

<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	LICC seminar (Croydon), attended by Elders
<b>Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	Outreach meeting
<b>Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	Elders meeting

Please remember to send additions, changes and deletions of Church Diary dates to [diary@gurc.org.uk](mailto:diary@gurc.org.uk)

Produced by Ryan Thomas & Alan Paterson. If you would like anything to be included in Welcome during February please contact **Barbara Hillman**.  
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The  
**United  
Reformed  
Church**

## Church Info

(*Italics* show group's primary contact)

**Minister:** Andrew Sellwood

**Secretary:** Val Gill

**Treasurer:** Matthew Smith

**Elders:** Val Berry, Val Cooper, Val Gill, Caroline Hibbs, Mary Redman, Rosemary Terry, Ryan Thomas  
**(Admin:** Val Gill, Andrew Sellwood, Matthew Smith, Rosemary Terry, Ryan Thomas)

**Finance:** *Matthew Smith*, Kate Nicholls, Wilfred Rhodes, Roger Wilde, Rosemary Terry, Alan Westcott

**Property:** *Ryan Thomas*, Paul Redman, Bett Swierk, Alan Cooper

**Outreach:** *Ryan Thomas*, Rosina Bayley, Val Berry, Val Cooper, Val Gill, Mary Redman

**Mini Fishes:** Val Gill

**Coffee & Cake:** Rosina Bayley, Val Berry

**Pastoral Secretary:** Hilary Redman

**Junior Church:** Mary Redman

**Puppet Club:** Val Gill, Mary Redman

**Safeguarding:** *Rosemary Terry*, Mary Redman

**Hall Hire:** Wilma Smith

**Website and 'Chronicle':** Graham Redman

**'Welcome':** *Wilfred Rhodes*, Barbara Hillman, Alan Paterson, Ryan Thomas

**Tuesday Fellowship:** Bobby Hitchin

**Garden:** *Peggy Mott*, Ray Knight, Alan Paterson

**Audio/Video desks:** Alan Cooper, Jonathan Cooper, Graham Redman, Paul Redman, Ryan Thomas

**Lawn mowing:** Ray Elliott, Alan Paterson, Mike Roberts, Matthew Smith, Ryan Thomas

**Organist:** Geoffrey Redman

**Flowers:** *Carol Webber*, Wilma Smith

**Welcoming Team:** Eileen & Wilfred Rhodes, Val Berry, Peggy Mott, Alison & Alan Westcott, Alan Paterson, Bett Swierk, Christina Shearer, Penny Norfolk, Bobby Hitchin, Barbara Hillman, Daphne Eames, Giles Wilson, Jane Bond, Olive Bushby

**Refreshments:** Val Cooper, Val Berry, Bett Swierk, Alison and Alan Westcott