

## Goring United Reformed Church



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# WELCOME

We are here to: *Grow closer to God, Support and encourage each other, Share the love of Jesus*

**Sunday 17th March 2024**

5th Sunday of Lent

### **New Here?**

The Welcome Team are here to help, do please make yourself known to them!

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' on the top Menu.

**10.30 am Morning Worship: Mr David Hill**  
**Duty Elder: Mrs Caroline Hibbs**

## **TODAY'S HYMNS & READINGS:**

All hail King Jesus

Christ alone, cornerstone

In Christ alone

Crown Him with many crowns

Great is Thy faithfulness

Readings: John 7:37-39; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Cor. 10:1-10

**NEXT WEEK:** our Morning Service at 10.30am will be led by Mr David Hill. All our Sunday services are recorded for later viewing: <https://www.gurc.net>

## **REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY (unless otherwise notified):**

*For further dates or details, please refer to our on-line diary: [gurc.net/diary](https://www.gurc.net/diary)*

**Mini Fishes** – Mondays 9.30am Main Hall

**Coffee, Tea & Cake Drop-in & Warm Space** - Mondays 2.00pm Sanctuary

**Senior Table Tennis** -Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am Main Hall

**Bible Study** – Wednesdays 7.00pm Sanctuary, with Jonathan Cooper

**Art & Craft Club** – 1st Saturday of the month: 9.30am Sanctuary

**Tuesday Fellowship** – 2nd Tuesday of the month: 2.15pm

**Mid-week Praise** – 3rd Thursday of the month: 21st March 7.00pm

**Church Family Breakfast** - 2nd Sunday of the month: 9.45am

## **CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS**

Through the year we remember in prayer all those in our Church Family:

Sue Mitchell, Peggy Mott, Sue Nicholls and Penny Norfolk

**DAILY PRAYERS** *this week again for the work of the Living Hope Ministries*

**Sunday:** Today we look to Richard & Johnny in the Philippines, we pray for safety and peace as the dispute with China over the South China sea continues. *John 18:36 My kingdom is not of this world...*

**Monday:** We today we look to Ray, Chris & Zeljko in Bosnia, and pray for God's hand over that place - that the ongoing ethnic tensions among the

people will be resolved wisely. *John 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished,"...*

**Tuesday:** We look today to Simon & Pepi in Bulgaria, a country we hear little about in our news. We pray for the work done there for the Lord, that it may bear much fruit. *John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you..."*

**Wednesday:** We look today to Chris & Zeljko in Croatia, that the current peace and stability in the region will continue to be built upon. *John 20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"*

**Thursday:** We look today to Naomi in Finland, and the uncertainty of being so close to the Russian/Ukraine border while the conflict continues. *John 20:31 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God...*

**Friday:** We look today to John, Andreis & Victor in Latvia, another land that we may know little about. Praise God that his Love and mercy is for everyone. *John 21:25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did...*

**Saturday:** We look today to Pepi, Nigel & Svetla in Macedonia, with Parliament elections coming up this year, and the possible changes this may bring. *Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...*

## NOTICES

Please note the next church meeting will be a week early on Saturday 23rd March at 10.30am. We encourage everyone that can, to come along.

Malcolm & Anita Strudwick have written to say thank you for the "lovely flowers - what a surprise." They also include their change of address. If you would like to contact them please ask Val G, Val Berry or Hilary Redman. Their new address can also be found on our online handbook.

How can I serve my church?

There are many roles that need undertaking to keep a church functioning. At the moment we have a vacancies for Safeguarding Lead, Bible Society Rep and a Public Relations Person. We also need more people to help out in the Vision/Sound Desk Team, Mini Fishes, Junior Church and the Welcome Editing Team. Please take a look at the role descriptions on the board at the back of church, and if you feel lead to consider any of these roles, take a sheet home with you, fill in the form on the back and hand it to either Mary Redman or Val Gill. Thank you, *The Elders*

Goring Little Fishes Committee have updated their constitution document. Our church Elders have already seen the new version and so have the parents of the children who currently attend. Please take some time to look at the new version before the next church meeting so that we can confirm that the church members have been informed about the new version before we move on to the next stage in making the amendments official.

The documents can be found on the GLF website (at the bottom of the page) at: <http://www.goringlittlefishes.co.uk/policies/>. If you would like to see a paper copy please ask for one. Many thanks, *Paul (GLF Chair)*

The next mid-week Praise service is this Thursday at 7pm, and we welcome anyone to join us who has or hasn't been before. Please let Valerie Cooper know of any wishes by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March so she can organise the music.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday, there will be a special afternoon Communion Service at 3.00pm. followed by afternoon tea. If you would like a lift please speak to an Elder.

The Outreach group are planning to send Easter Eggs and an Easter book to the children at Little Fishes and those staying in the Safe in Sussex refuge. If you would like to donate to this, please pass money to Mary who will buy the books and eggs. *Thank you.*

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