

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 17th December 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

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

**10.30 am Morning Worship :Mrs Valerie Cooper & The Elders
Duty Elder: Mrs Valerie Berry**

**If you are visiting us for the first time we do Welcome you
especially. Please make yourselves known to our 'Welcomers'
and ask for a leaflet for Newcomers, with details of our church.**



SUNDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK:

Hymn MP 538 On Jordan's bank
MP 493 O Come, O come, Emmanuel
MP 1076 Jesus be the centre
MP 753 When I feel the touch
MP 613 Spirit of the living God
MP 393 Joy to the World

Reading Psalm 126

FUTURE SERVICES in December

21st Carols by Candlelight in Church 7.00 pm
24th The Elders led by Valerie Cooper :- 4th Sunday in Advent
24th Children's Nativity Service 5.00 pm
25th The Elders led by Caroline Hibbs :- Christmas Day.10.30 am
31st Rev Dr Janet Hopewell.

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MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group: Mondays 9.30 – 11.15 am
COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.
TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month
next meeting: January 9th
TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15
but last session on Tuesday 19th December.

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m
next meeting January 6th
BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays 7.00 pm in Church.
MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly on 3rd Thursday

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TERRACYCLE.

Good news! Crisp packet recycling is back on! Please continue to add your crisp packets to the terracycle bin to raise money for Worthing Boys Club.

Mary Redman

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK.

SUNDAY

O Lord we are your people by your grace. You dare to make us Christ to our neighbours of every nation and race. How can we demonstrate your love and care – speaking or listening? Battling or serving? Help us to know when and where.

MONDAY

We turn to you, O God of every nation, giver of life and origin of good; your love is at the heart of all creation, your hurt is people's broken brotherhood.

TUESDAY

Shine in our hearts, O Christ, with the pure light of your clear knowledge of God, and open the eyes of our minds to your teaching, for you are the light of our souls and of our whole selves, O Christ our friend and our God.

WEDNESDAY

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and at my departing.

THURSDAY

O God you search me and you know me, all my thoughts lie open to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me, ever the maker and keeper of my days.

FRIDAY

Father of all, to you praises and thanks are due: families everywhere reflect your loving care. Make of our lives a holy thing.

SATURDAY

Father we thank you for the friends that brighten our day; for your command to call others sisters and brothers; Father we thank you.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND MAY OUR CRIES COME TO YOU. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN

Church Family Prayers:

Throughout the year we remember in our prayers all those in our Church Family. This week we remember:

Carol and Steve Webber; Alison and Alan Westcott.

NOTICES.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This Thursday 21st December at 7.00 pm in church.
A traditional service of Lessons and Carols.
Refreshments will be served after the service.

NEW HANDBOOKS for 2023/2024 are now ready for collection at the rear of the church, in both A5 (large) and A6 (small) formats. If you would like the smaller version please let me know and I will make sure you get one as only limited numbers are printed. A contribution towards their cost would be appreciated.

Graham Redman

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD.

There is a communal Christmas Card at the back of the church for everyone to sign, along with an optional charity box for donations to Safe in Sussex.

RUTH & MAMY'S CHAT

A new Message has arrived with much interesting news. Copies are at the back of the church. Do read, our friends are doing amazing work in translating the Bible into so many languages – which leads to the education of a whole country.

TABLE TENNIS

The last session of this year will be this Tuesday 19th December.
Table Tennis will recommence on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

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