

# Goring United Reformed Church

*A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church*



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# WELCOME

Sunday 16th July 2023

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

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Rev. David Hill  
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.**



**LORD YOU ARE GREAT AND GREATLY  
TO BE PRAISED  
AWAKEN US TO DELIGHT IN YOUR  
PRAISES, FOR YOU MADE US FOR  
YOURSELF, AND OUR HEARTS ARE  
RESTLESS TILL THEY FIND THEIR  
REST IN YOU.**

***Augustine of Hippo died AD430***

**SUNDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK:    Rev. David Hill: Service 3**

Opening statement from Augustine of Hippo

Hymn 200 Great is they faithfulness

Sentences of Praise

Video

Quiet Prayer

O.T. Reading Psalm 34 v. 1 - 18

N.T. Reading Matthew 6 v. 5 – 15

Sermon: Blindside of Prayer

Hymn 111 Dear Lord and Father

Sung Lord's Prayer

Hymn 109 Crown Him with many crowns

Blessing

**FUTURE SERVICES**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Rev David Hill

July 30<sup>th</sup> Rev David Hill

August 6<sup>th</sup> Mr Stuart Dew with Holy Communion

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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 – Closed until September, with  
monthly meetings in Bobby's garden (weather permitting)

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays 7.00 pm in Church.

MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly  
at 7.00 pm with refreshments

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FROM MARY REDMAN: ELDER

The first Elders' Newsletter was e-mailed out last Saturday.

We understand that some may have received it in their 'junk file'

If you have not received a copy, check your 'spam' folder. If it is not there speak to Mary who originally sent it from Church Suite. The Newsletter contains many useful events and dates.

**PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK We thank Junior Church for  
our prayers this week.**

**SUNDAY**

As we gather together we praise your name as we learn more about you.

**MONDAY**

As we start a new week at school or work, be with us and help us make the right decisions

**TUESDAY**

We pray for those less fortunate than ourselves. Help them to find hope in what they have, and trust in you for all they need.

**WEDNESDAY**

Thank you for the joy of music and dance. Thank you for the opportunities to be creative.

**THURSDAY**

Thank you for providing us with all the food we need. Help us to share it equally.

**FRIDAY**

Help us to end our working week by praising Jesus; and rest over the weekend.

**SATURDAY**

Thank you for hobbies and passions. In our time of leisure with like minded people help us to remember you ; and thank you for laughter and friendship.

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:

Our former Minister and his wife: Andrew and Jill Sellwood  
Rita Roberts and Christina Shearer

## **NOTICES.**

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Our informal Bible Study continues on Wednesday 19th July at 7.00 pm. In church. This week we will be looking at "The Zoroastrians" from the perspective of Matthew's Gospel, and the character of Jacob.

*Jonathan Cooper*

### **SHOEBOX DONATIONS**

The list for toiletries are on the A-board at the back of the church. Please put your donations in the bag on the table. Thankyou.

*Bett Swierk*

### **FINANCE MEETING.**

To be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00 pm on Church premises.  
(For financiers)

Forward Notice: **CHURCH MEETING.**

Our bi-monthly Church Meeting will be held in the Church on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm.

From Rev David Hill our preacher today:-

We are continuing to go through the sermon on the mount, and today we shall briefly look at the Lord's Prayer. When we pray these words we have no choice but recognise that this prayer is not our personal property, but it gives us guidance as to how we might pray. The most important thing is to **pray as we can.**

The prayer begins 'our', so we cannot stay as a solitary Christian. 'Our Father' does not mean God belongs to us. God is not ours to do with as we choose. God is not like *our car, or our family, or our church.* We cannot possess God.

In fact it is the other way round. God is our god because God has reached out to us. His love is the first step in our journey with this prayer. We are made for friendship with God. This is our default position. So we will begin our service with these words from a saint of old – Augustine, then we will sing "Great is thy Faithfulness", followed by which we will be encouraged to bring sentences of praise

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