

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 21st January 2024

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 under 'Publications' on the top Menu.

10.30 am Morning Worship: Rev Richard Brunton
Duty Elder: Mr Wilf Rhodes

TODAY'S HYMNS & READINGS:

1 Praise my soul the King of Heaven 2 What a friend we have in Jesus
3 Break thou the bread of life dear 4 Shine Jesus shine

Reading: Colossians 1 v 3-8

NEXT WEEK: our Morning Service at 10.30am will be led by Rev. John Jennings. 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
Please remember to email diary@gurc.org.uk with all additions or changes!!*

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: 7.00pm

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

CHURCH MEETING SAT. 27th JAN at 10.30am. We encourage all members
to attend

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

Through the year we remember in prayer all those in our Church Family:
Jane Bond, Stephanie Brooks, Olive Bushby and David & Margaret Butcher

DAILY PRAYERS *with thanks to the Thursday Mid-week praise service*

Sunday: We think about our church building and everything it means to us. We thank God that we have a warm, bright sanctuary to come together in and worship him.

Monday: We think about the Pulpit area, and the speakers that we have delivering God's word to us, and the communion which is served. We thank God for the freedom that we have to learn from them.

Tuesday: We move to the Cornwall room, and think of the groups that are able to use it. We thank God that it was possible to make this positive improvement to the site.

Wednesday: Into the Main Hall, once used for Services, now 'home' to a number of groups who meet and use it regularly. We pray for God's hand in the lives of all those involved.

Thursday: We thank the Lord for the provision of the amenities that we have available, the kitchens and inside toilets which many people in the world still do not have access to, especially in these cold days, and the comfort of hot water, food and drink.

Friday: At the end of the building is the Little Fishes Playgroup areas. The staff, trustees and equipment work hard to serve the children and families of those that attend. We pray for God's wisdom, peace and strength to continue to support the community in this way.

Saturday: At the end of the week we think of the less noticeable areas that provide such vital elements of the church life - The coffee trolley, AV desk, flower stand and organ. We pray God's blessings on our members who serve us in these things continuously.

NOTICES

Thank you for the lovely bright bunch of flowers I was given at Church last Sunday, they are much appreciated. They are sitting on my hall table and have been reminding me all week of our first hymn we sang in last Sunday's service. 'All things bright and beautiful'. - *Wilma*

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers given to me by Ray at church, they really brighten up my lounge. God bless Val B xxx

Cont.

The church freezer in the kitchen was turned off by people unknown at some point recently, maybe last week, all the food in there was wasted. The freezer will remain off for the future. Val C.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 21st January, Today we are invited to St Richards, Maybridge to join a Taize service at 5pm. Soup and bread will be served at 7.15 pm. *Further details from Eileen Rhodes 01903 248263*

A huge thank you to everyone who donated for Safe in Sussex. We sent 22 gift bags to the women and children and have collected £89.31 through the coffee morning and Christmas service collections, which will be forwarded to Safe in Sussex soon. We also raised £85.70 for Papyrus (a charity supporting young people who feel suicidal) at the January coffee morning. *Outreach*

Do Goodchild's granddaughter Hannah, has booked the Church Sanctuary for Do's memorial/thanksgiving service on Saturday 24th February at 2pm. About 20 family are attending and they have extended an invitation to all Do's friends at Church and would be pleased to see you. After the Service we will be serving teas/coffees and the family will bring biscuits/cakes. With this in mind they have asked for a rough idea of numbers. If you think you will be attending could you please pop your name on the list at the back of the Church. This will enable me to give the family an idea. Thank you *Wilma*

Next GLAD Meal: the Cricketers in Broadwater is booked for Friday 2nd Feb at 12.15pm. Please add your name and any dietary requirements to the list at the back of the Church, all ladies are welcome. *Val Gill*

17th March has been suggested for a 'Songs of Praise' type of service when the whole congregation could take part bringing their favourite songs, hymns, Bible readings, poems etc. Perhaps some testimonies. Please consider the idea and talk to *Caroline Hibbs* or see last week's Welcome.

Contributions for **Welcome**: E-mail: welcome@gurc.org.uk
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