

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 15th December 2024

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

10.30 am Morning Worship : The Elders

Duty Elder: Mrs Bobby Hitchin.

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



**THIRD SUNDAY
IN ADVENT**

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HYMNS & READINGS

Arranged and announced by Elders and Members

CANDLE LIGHTING

MP 503 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Reading Luke 2 v. 1 – 7

CP 711 The Holly and the Ivy

MP 697 Thou didst leave thy throne

MP 749 What child is this?

Hymn We celebrate this special birth

FUTURE SERVICES

December 19 Thursday – Carols by Candlelight 7.00 pm

This will be live streamed, and available on our
“Worship at Home” page, also on our YouTube channel.

The recording will ONLY be viewable after logging
in to our website

December 22 The Elders – Advent 4

December 24 Tuesday – Christmas Eve Nativity Service 5.00 pm

December 25 Wednesday – Christmas Morning Worship

December 29 Carols for Joy

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MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group Mondays 9.30 am

COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.
In the Church

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month
next meeting January 14:- AGM and Bowls.

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 am -11.15 Main Hall

There will be no Table Tennis during Christmas week-
24th & 27th and resume on 31st.

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m
next meeting January 4 in Church

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in Church.

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Chris Howie and Cath Findlay

were very pleased with the white Poinsettia plants that they
received from the church.

MAMY & RUTH'S CHAT

Copies of their letter for December are on the table. Do read
They have been very busy lately.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

from our study book “Radiant Dawn”

SUNDAY

Father God, you are for us, not against us. Keep us strong in faith when everything seems to contradict the love you have promised. Forgive us that we so easily become discouraged.

MONDAY

Dear Lord, we look to you for salvation. By the power of the Holy Spirit convince our hearts that you are for us. May this assurance fill us with joy. Father we thank you.

TUESDAY

Father God, you are glorified in making peace with us through Jesus. Make us conscious of this peace today, that it may rule our hearts and govern our relationships. In the name of Jesus our Lord Amen.

WEDNESDAY

Father God, we praise you for the Gospel – your own announcement about Jesus. Thank you that through this Good News we have a share in the events of Jesus’ life. Give us joy as we understand the Gospel, and fire us by your Holy Spirit to pass it on today in your name.

THURSDAY

Father God, we are sorry that we often engage with your word superficially. Open our hearts to receive it, and give us the time and space to treasure it. Give us faith as we travel the unknown road towards the certain future you have promised in Jesus.

FRIDAY

Father God, Jesus came to console your people Israel, and to shine a light on all nations. Forgive our relentless discontent. Shine in us today. By the Spirit’s transforming work, may we find our lives’ purpose in pursuing Jesus. For your glory. Amen.

SATURDAY

Father God, forgive our shallowness and cynicism, our discouragement and our impatience. May we have contentment, endurance and peace, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Church Family Prayers:

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

Joan Jenkin; Maureen & Vic Joy and their family;

Ray Knight and family.

NOTICES

We still have leaflets to be delivered in our local area, advertising this year's Christmas services. They are at the back of the church. Please help by taking them to post through people's doors.

Outreach Group.

CAROL SERVICES

Our Carols by Candlelight service will be held this Thursday 19th December at 7.00 pm.

Emmanuel URC are having their Candlelit Carols on Sunday 22th December at 6.00 pm followed by refreshments.

Sompting URC are having their Carol service on Christmas Eve, 24th December at 7.00 pm. We are all welcome to join them.

On 29th December our morning service will be a service of CAROLS FOR JOY. We should like everyone to choose a favourite carol, Christmas reading, poem or what Christmas means to you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Craft Club have made a large Christmas Card for us all to sign instead of sending individual cards. This will be at the back of the church, along with a box for donations to a local charity.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Last Tuesday, 13 of us heard Rev George Butterworth speak of his role as Chaplain to St Dunstan's, now known as Blind Veterans UK. He brought some magazines for everyone and some are on the table at the back of the church. Please take one.

On behalf of the church we must also thank our member, Peggy Mott, for all she does at church preparing for our Fellowship, and with others keeping our church garden in such good order.

Wilf Rhodes

Please let the Welcome Editor know your organisation's dates of closure & opening again over the Christmas and New Year break.

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