

Goring United Reformed Church

A joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 2nd January 2022

The First Sunday of a New Year

10.30 am Morning Worship with Holy Communion : Rev Andrew Sellwood
Duty Elder: Mrs Rosemary Terry

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



We are here to worship God and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to all

THIS WEEK: Hymns: MP 500 O Little Town of Bethlehem
MP 342 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
MP 62 Born in the night
MP 749 What child is this?

Bible Readings : Luke 2: verses 41 – 52

NEXT WEEK January 9 Epiphany: Morning Service at 10.30 am
conducted by Rev Tony Trevithick.

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MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddler group – Mondays 9.30 – 11.30 am

JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS – Every Monday 6.00 – 7.00 pm in Main Hall

[no meeting Jan 3 recommence Jan 10.]

SENIOR TABLE TENNIS – Every Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30 am in Main Hall

PRE-SCHOOL PUPPET CLUB – Tuesdays in term time 1.30 – 2.15 pm

COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2 – 4 pm.

KESTRO CLUB – Every Friday at 2.00 pm in Main Hall

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

at 2.15 pm in the Cornwall Room.

MESSY CHURCH – Second Saturday of each month at 2.00 pm

[no meetings over the Christmas period]

URGENT NOTE

Can the person or group who has borrowed the EXTENSION LEAD
used for the church Christmas Tree, please return it. Please leave it in
the pulpit AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, and I will pack it away. Thanks

Valerie Cooper

NOTE: Mamy & Ruth's Chat has arrived for Christmas.

Please read - they do a wonderful work in Congo-Brazzaville

FLOWERS

The Flower Rota for 2022 is in the vestibule. Please sign up.

Thank you to all who donated to the Flower Fund last year, making gifts
of flowers possible to many church friends. Many thanks to the
arrangers who display the flowers in the Sanctuary each week.

Carol Webber

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Almighty God, by your mercy our lives have continued into another year. As our age advances may we become more open, more faithful and more trusting in you. Let us not be distracted by lesser things, from what is truly important.

Monday: For all the possibilities ahead in this New Year, make us thankful, O Lord. Give us wisdom, courage and discernment in the face of so much chaos, despair and fear. Father God, show us how we can contribute towards peace, faith and love.

Tuesday: In this New Year, O Lord, may our lives and words speak powerfully of Your transforming power. Thank you for what You have done for all of us.

Wednesday: Whether we have gathered with family or friends at this Christmas Time, or whether we have been on our own, we thank you Lord for all that this time has meant to us. The time has gone quickly but we know that You are with us always.

Thursday: 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.

Friday: Grant, O Lord, that none may love you less this day because of me; that no word or act of mine may turn one soul from you; and for one more grace I dare to pray, that many people may love you more this day because of me.

Saturday: Bless us God the Father, Creator and Star-maker, you who have created us. Bless us God the Son, you who have set us free. Bless us God the Holy Spirit, you who have made us holy; and keep us in body, soul and spirit for life eternal.

**A Happy New Year to all those who pray
and Worship with us this Christmas tide**

Church Family Prayers

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

Mr & Mrs Munro & Joan Wightman; Mr & Mrs Roger & Shirley Wilde

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY HEAR ALL OUR PRAYERS.

KESTRO ~ Worthing Stroke Club

Although not a Church organization most of you will know of the close connection that the club has always had with Goring URC.

It was started by Rev William Connelly & Mrs Robin Bradley & a few others in 1982 & back then & now the majority of the helpers come from within the Church.

One week Robin put an item in the Welcome asking for new helpers & myself & Grace & Jim Hope all turned up the following Friday afternoon to Kestro. There we stayed!

Kestro helpers kept in weekly contact by phone with members when the club had to cease meeting in 2020 due to covid 19 lockdown.

The club returned in October 2021 with fewer members but loyal ones eager to get out again & meet up with each other.

Unfortunately the Kestro is likely to close in about March 2022 when the funds have been used up.

There are several reasons for this but transport is the biggest headache, 3 drivers turned 70 during lockdown & are no longer able to drive the minibus that we hire weekly from Guildcare which transports members to the club. Last year we lost our friend Carole Cullis, loyal transport organiser. We have a willing programme secretary, an enthusiastic exercise leader & an excellent tea maker, but we need drivers, a transport organiser, a leader & a treasurer !

Volunteers seem scarce ~ retirement age has increased & retirees want to be off 'doing their own thing'!

I am writing this so you are all aware of the situation & maybe have a suggestion or know of anyone who could help keep the club going for a few more years!

Thank you for reading ~ Carol Webber

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Sadly I have to tell you that two of our members died in December 2021.

On 9th December Mr Trevor Plank, widower of Roxanne died in hospital. Trevor became a member of Goring in November 1981. He served on the Finance group, and in later years regularly attended the 8.00am Sunday morning service. He and Roxanne were worshipping at Broadwater Parish Church in recent times. The vicar of the Parish church, Rev George Butterworth, will conduct Trevor's funeral in the Chapel at Tribes undertakers, on 12th January at 10.00am

On the 19th December Mrs Trudie Sanders, widow of Stan died after a short stay in hospital. Trudie and her husband became members at Goring in July 1985, transferring from Dorking URC. They were active members and regular worshippers here until they were no longer able to attend. Trudie was an active member of Tuesday Fellowship and Painting for Fun. Her funeral will take place at the crematorium on 10th January at 11.30am - Andrew will be away.

Let us thank the Lord God for the life and witness of these two members of Goring as we remember their families in our prayers. May God bless them and comfort them and give them His peace.

Hilary: Pastoral Secretary

ART & CRAFT CLUB

Due to double booking the first meeting of the Club will now be on Saturday 5th February 2022 from 9.30 am to 12.30. Come and be creative in these peaceful surroundings. This is open to everyone, so do bring a friend. We will be meeting on the first Saturday of each month. Please let me know if you are interested.

Caroline Hibbs

NEWS

We have heard news of Rev Margaret Ashby. At the end of May she moved from a flat to a house in the village of Gotherington, near Cheltenham. She is near her family who have suffered with Covid but she has remained clear. She helps her grandchildren with maths – even fractions! She sends good wishes to all at our church. Please let me know if you would like her address.

Wilf Rhodes

Contributions for Welcome

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