

Goring United Reformed Church

A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent:

Mothering Sunday

We are here to Worship God

and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to all.

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Mrs Valerie Cooper and Elders
Duty Elder: Mrs Caroline Hibbs**

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.



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SUNDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK: with the ELDERS

Hymn MP 1267 Come people of the risen King

Introduction

Reading : Mothers are? From "Stories of love for Mothers"

Hymn MP 133 Father I place into your hands.

Talk Who was Mary?

Readings: Luke 1 : 26-34, 38

Luke 1: 39-44

Hymn MP 631 Tell out my soul

Readings Luke 2: 15-19

Luke 2: 41-51

Reading : A Mother's heart from "Stories of love for Mothers

Hymn MP 927 Shout for joy and sing

Reading : "The Old Shepherd" by Bob Hartman

Hymn MP 750 What kind of love is this?

Hymn MP 486 Now thank we all our God

Poem : "Who was I before I was born?" by Steve Turner

The Grace

FUTURE SERVICES

March 26th 10.30 am Rev Andrew Sellwood

April 2nd 10.30 am Ruth & Mamy Raharimanantsoa:- Palm Sunday

April 6th 7.30 pm Rev Andrew Sellwood :-Joint service with

Sompting: Maundy Thursday with Communion

April 7th 10.30 am Wilfred Rhodes :- Good Friday

April 9th 10.30 am Rev Andrew Sellwood:- Easter Sunday.

MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group: Mondays 9.30 – 11.15 am

COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 1.30 pm – 4 pm.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 2.15 pm - 4 pm

Next Meeting: March 28th South Downs Films

SENIOR TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15

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

Next meeting 1st April 2023

Bible Study 22nd March 7.00 pm in Church.

Thursday 23rd March 7.00 pm Midweek Praise Service

with refreshments

Saturday 25th March 10.30 am CHURCH MEETING

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

On this Mothering Sunday O God, we thank you that you give us life, and care for us like a mother or a father. We pray for our mothers and our memories of them and we ask for your blessing on all our family, church and community relationships.

MONDAY

Lord take my offering of self-denial this Lent, as a sign of my great longing for you. I hunger for your presence in my life, and I thirst for your love. I hunger for justice for those who are wronged and oppressed and I thirst for your peace.

TUESDAY

Lord in these days of challenge, make us stronger in you; in these days of emptiness, make us quiet and prayerful, in these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of your cross.

WEDNESDAY

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the shepherd of Israel, their pillar of cloud by day, their pillar of fire by night. In these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that in this pilgrimage of prayer we might learn to be your people once more.

THURSDAY

Be with us in these Lenten journey days. Open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to lead others. Without you we are lost. To you alone be the glory for ever and ever.

FRIDAY

Lord Jesus Christ who stopped to listen to Blind Bartimaeus, look also on me with your still gaze of love. Restore my inward sight and take hold of my hands that I may join you on my walk of life.

SATURDAY

When I look into your holiness, when I gaze into your loveliness, when all things that surround become shadows in your light: I worship you, the reason I live is to worship you.

Church Family Prayers:

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

Mr & Mrs Alan and Alison Westcott;

Mr & Mrs Munro and Joan Wightman.

NOTICES.

Our informal Bible Study continues on Wednesday 22nd March in the Church. We will be looking at Hannah this week. Please see Jonathan Cooper for information.

BIBLE SOCIETY

Envelopes are still available for donations in connection with last Sunday's service. Please place in the collection plate.

EASTER EGG OUTREACH



The Outreach Group has organised the sending of Easter Eggs and books to children in the Safe in Sussex refuge and those in Little Fishes. Many thanks to those who have made donations, and contributions can still be made.

Mary Redman: Outreach Group

MARMALADE

There will be marmalade for sale in aid of Christian Aid, by the Coffee Trolley from today.

Bett Swierk

If anyone has nice MUGS at home surplus to requirements – the MUG drawer in the church kitchen is rather depleted.

Carol Webber

NEWS OF RUTH AND MAMY

Ruth and Mamy will be conducting worship on April 2nd. Rev Dr Janet Hopewell will be unable to be with us that day.

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