# **Goring United Reformed Church**

A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church





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# WELCOME

Sunday 15th January 2023 Second Sunday in Epiphany

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

10.30 am Morning Worship: The 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:

FOR ELDERS' SERVICE.

Hymn MP 329 In Christ there is no East or West

Hymn MP 189 God is working His purpose out

Reading NIV Matthew 2 v. 1 – 21 [Visitors arrive from Eastern lands]

Hymn MP 20 All people that on Earth do dwell.

Reading NIV Luke 11 v. 1 – 11 The Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP 94 Come let us sing of a wonderful love

# **FUTURE SERVICES**

January 22 10.30 am Mr Wilfred Rhodes

January 29 10.30 am Rev Andrew Sellwood

February 5 10.30 am Rev Andrew Sellwood with

Holy Communion.

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

COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 1.30 pm – 4 pm. TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 2.15 pm - 4 pm Next Meeting: February 14<sup>th</sup> "Beetle" Games

SENIOR TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15 am

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month: 9.30 – 12.30 a.m. Next meeting 4th February 2023

HOME DISCUSSION GROUP

Next gathering January 25<sup>th</sup> 10 – 12 am

CHURCH FAMILY BREAKFAST

Next one: February 12th at 9.45 a.m.

# PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK SUNDAY

O God you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze. You are familiar with all my ways, whether I am walking or lying down. Lord I thank you for your care of me by day and by night.

# MONDAY

Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely. You know if I tell the truth or lie, if I speak kindly or unkindly. Lord I thank you for my gifts of speech and hearing. Help me to be understanding of those who find difficulty in communicating in this way.

# **TUESDAY**

Lord you lay your hand upon me with an everlasting love – such knowledge is too wonderful for me. You are the God of my present, my past and my future too. Lord I thank you and praise your holy name.

# WEDNESDAY

Lord you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother's womb. For the wonder of who I am I praise you. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Safe in your hands all Creation is made new.

#### **THURSDAY**

Jesus of many names – love and life and truth we turn to you – to receive, to discover, to be changed; and to you we give our trust and praise. Lord I pray for your Grace and Peace, AMEN

### FRIDAY

As the Psalmist David says: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad; may those who long for your saving help always say – "The Lord is Great"

# SATURDAY

I choose today, Jesus, to walk with you, sensitive to your voice, living in your purposes for my life. AMEN

# **Church Family Prayers:**

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

Mr and Mrs Brian and Lindsey Parsons;

Mr and Mrs Alan and Pam Paterson.

#### NOTICES.

FROM OUR GORING URC PUBLICATIONS MANAGER AND WEBSITE EDITOR.

Please remember to use our online Prayerbook

www.gurc.net/prayerbook Various items of prayer are regularly being added – it is hoped that our Prayerbook will be introduced back into the Sanctuary shortly.

Some of us are still not sending dates to our on line Diary – see below and consequently not everybody is getting to know about events. It's all about communication.

#### Graham Redman

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

Please read the enclosed letter concerning church flowers – it is most important – if there is no response we regret there will be no more church flowers.

The Cooper and Goodall Families thank Goring URC for the lovely flowers received last Sunday; and thank you for your thoughts and prayers over the difficult week before Christmas.

#### GORING URC HOME GROUP.

We meet on January 25th from 10 am to 12 noon.

Rosina Baylay

# MID - WEEK PRAISE SERVICE

This will be held on Thursday 19th January; with refreshments.

### **CHURCH MEETING**

This will be held in Church on Saturday 21st January at 10.30 am.

# 40 DAYS OF PEACE

Via the world wide Charter for Compassion, we pray for 40 Days of Peace starting on January 17 to February 28. Then 23 Days of Compassion Campaign in March, leading to the Golden Rule Day on April 5. This will be followed throughout the world.

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