

Goring United Reformed Church.

A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church.



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WELCOME

Our Church is OPEN today and -

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

Sunday 16th May 2021

10.30 am Morning Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood

Duty Elder : Mrs. Valerie Gill



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Lord God, whose name and nature is love, we confess that we have not loved you as you command. We claim to love you, but we do not always love our brother and our sister.

Monday: We shall use Bible Society prayers : Pray for the Central African Republic, the poorest and most unstable of all African countries. Twice the size of the U.K., population 5½ million, only a third are literate. There is civil war and a state of emergency operates.

Tuesday: Let us give thanks for a new project that engages young people in the CAR with the Bible to help develop Christian values, and enable people to work towards reconciliation and peace. Pray for Sylvain and his team who lead the Bible Soc. Ministry. Pray for a swift end to the violence in CAR, for strong churches and Christians passionate about the Bible.

Wednesday: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life.

Thursday: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation. Break forth into joy, sing together for the Lord has comforted his people.

Friday: Lord of eternity, whose power is infinite, whose days are without number, and whose mercy is beyond our fathoming; keep our faces always turned towards you, so that each day we remember that life is your gift and the hour of death unknown. When we finally meet you face to face receive us into your eternal kingdom.

Saturday: And now may the Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, now and always.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayers Amen

Church Family Prayers

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

Dr. Paul Long; Mr Bill Marshall; Mrs Sue Mitchell and her family.

Also please pray for Carole Culliss, in hospital having suffered a stroke, and her concerned and caring family.

NOTICES

Please do remember the Elders' Election, details given last week and still on the Church website. Serious consideration is absolutely vital by everyone.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE.

Readings:- Psalm 1 verses 1 - 6

John's Gospel 5 verses 9 - 13

Acts 1 verses 15 - 17

Hymns:- 481 Name of all Majesty

1350 Speak O Lord

109 Crown him with many crowns

NEXT WEEK May 23rd our Morning Service at 10.30 am will be conducted by Rev Dr Janet Hopewell. She is Chaplain and Advocate to the Elderly, for the Southern Synod. All are very welcome.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY by ZOOM

As our Minister Andrew is away during the week of Wednesday 19th May there will be no Bible Sunday. This will resume on 26th May with study of Acts chapter 18.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 – 16 May 2021

Christian Aid week ends today and of course donations can still be made using the envelopes provided.

You can also donate on line at www.caweek.org . .

From the sale of marmalade I have £60 to add to our church

donations. *Bett Swierk-Church Representative for Christian Aid*

OPEN WORSHIP

We are so pleased that our church can be open, but please remember to observe all the rules concerned with COVID: Stay apart, only chat outside, not inside, please do not congregate in the church or the vestibule; wear a face covering and sanitise your hands as you arrive.

If you have to stay at home, join us in worship by live streaming or recorded video-available with subtitles in the early afternoon. Visit our church website: www.gurc.net and follow the links.

OFFERTORY

You will find the offertory plate in the Vestibule as you enter the church. We do value and need your donations. If you donate by banker's Standing Order, or are in our envelope scheme then we are very grateful if you can keep up to date with them. If you are not able to attend church then our Treasurer Matthew is very pleased to receive your cheque.

DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

DEC have launched an appeal to provide life-giving supplies to those in desperate need in India, particularly the most vulnerable communities, as they face a devastating Covid surge. We always seek to support such appeals. You will be able to contribute via the collection plate each Sunday from 23rd May to 6th June inclusive. Please place your donations in an envelope marked "DEC India Appeal". If you are not attending church at this time please consider sending your donations to me by post.

Matthew Smith-Treasurer. TUESDAY

FELLOWSHIP

Although Tuesday Fellowship does not normally meet in the summer months, the Committee has decided to hold two informal meetings each month in June, July and August. These will be held outside and we will all be suitably spaced out. This will initially be in Bobby's garden. Most of our members live alone, and this will give us all a chance for companionship and relaxed friendship. All will be very welcome. In September we hope to resume our meetings in the church buildings, and with some speakers, etc. Bobby Hitchin

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ELDERS' ELECTION JULY 2021

The election of Elders this year will take place at the July Church Meeting. Four Elders are due to stand down:-

Mrs Rosina Bayley, Miss Chris Howie, Mr Matthew Smith and Mr Wilfred Rhodes.

They have served up to two three year terms and extra years in addition; and will not be standing for re-election.

Mrs Mary Redman and Mrs Caroline Hibbs have served three years and are willing to stand again.

Nomination papers will be available on the table at the back of the church through-out May. These will need to be returned to the Vestry or an Elder by the last Sunday in May.

Each nomination will need to be signed by a proposer, a seconder and the nominee, and the nominee will need to have been a Church Member for a minimum of two years. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate, and if approached please prayerfully consider your answer. If you have any questions about being an Elder, please ask Andrew or any of the Elders. All these details are in Welcome throughout May