

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 8th 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 Valerie Berry

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.**



**SECOND SUNDAY
IN ADVENT**

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HYMNS & READINGS

Arranged and announced by Elders and Members

CANDLE LIGHTING

MP 493 O come, O come Emmanuel

MP 1319 Joy has dawned upon the World.

Reading Matthew 1 v. 18 – 25
Joseph son of David.

MP 1177 God whose love is everywhere

Reading Luke 1 v. 31 – 45

MP 631 Tell out my soul.

FUTURE SERVICES

December 15 The Elders

December 19 Thursday – Carols b Candlelight 7.00 pm

December 22 The Elders

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 December 10: Rev George Butterworth.

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 am -11.15 Main Hall

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.
With Jonathan Cooper

MAMY & RUTH'S CHAT

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

FLOWERS

Many thanks for flowers received on Sunday. Very much
appreciated.

Alan Paterson

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

from our study book “Radiant Dawn”

SUNDAY

Heavenly Father, at this busy time of year, give us the stability that comes from seeing Jesus accurately and clearly. Settle our lives on a vision of Jesus that is in keeping with His true glory. In His Name.

MONDAY

Father God we praise you for your promises which can never fail. May we never give up believing that you will do more through our prayers than we can ask or imagine. Fulfil your purposes for us in Jesus' name. Amen.

TUESDAY

Heavenly Father we believe, but help our unbelief. May we trust your promises of salvation, provision, guidance, and presence. Fill us with the Holy Spirit today that by faith we may glorify you.

WEDNESDAY

God our Father, make us like Mary. Give us wonder and excitement that you want to use us for your glory. May the Holy Spirit's power overcome the impossible and accomplish your purposes through us. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY

All praise to you great and glorious Son of God and son of Mary. We gladly submit ourselves to your everlasting rule. Assure our hearts that sin and death no longer rule over us. Through your saving love. Amen.

FRIDAY

Father God, we praise you for your plan for us today. We believe that you have prepared good works for us to do. Give us the willingness and strength to do them. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

SATURDAY

We thank you for Mary's faith that confirms and inspires ours too. When we are in turmoil strengthen our trust in you. May we encourage each other, as sisters and brothers. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Church Family Prayers:

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

Bobby & Mike Hitchin and Family; Chris Howie;
Tania Hunt and her Family.

NOTICES

We 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 some to post through people's doors. Especially Elisabeth Square.

Outreach Group.

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. Please give your choices to *Val Cooper or Caroline Hibbs* by THIS Sunday.

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.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL READING.

We hope that everyone is reading "The Radiant Dawn" our study of Bible readings for December and Advent. By today we should be on pages 18 & 19. On the church tables there will be 'conversation cards' to talk over and discuss the readings. The books cost £4.25 which can be put in an envelope in the collection plate.

Mary Redman

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

This Tuesday 10th December Rev George Butterworth will be speaking to us. We meet at 2.15 pm **IN THE CHURCH** and finish before 4.00 pm with Tea and biscuits ! All are welcome.

Wilf Rhodes

TO ALL CHURCH ORGANISERS OF ANY SORT

Please let the Welcome Editor know your dates of closure, and opening again over the Christmas and New Year break.

Me

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