

# Goring United Reformed Church



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# WELCOME

We are here to: *Grow closer to God, Support and encourage each other, Share the love of Jesus*

**Sunday 7th April 2024**

First Sunday after Easter

**New Here?**

**If you are new here to Goring United Reformed Church please pick up a 'New Here?' leaflet from the back of the church or visit our website [gurc.net](http://gurc.net) under 'Publications' on the top Menu.**



**10.30 am Morning Worship: Mrs Hilary Redman  
Duty Elder: Mrs Caroline Hibbs**

## TODAY'S HYMNS & READINGS:

Hymn 93 Come let us join our cheerful songs

Hymn 295 I serve a risen Saviour

Hymn 750 What kind of love of love is this?

Hymn 346 It is a thing most wonderful (Communion hymn)

Hymn 315 I will sing the wondrous story

Readings:

John Ch 20 vs 19 - 31

1 John Ch 1 v 1 - Ch 2 v 2

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 14th April our Morning Service at 10.30am will be led by Ellie Bunker from Emmanuel URC, we will also have the Dedication of Sophia Jean Spruhan.

Our Sunday services are recorded to watch later: <https://www.gurc.net>

### **REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY (unless otherwise notified):**

*For further dates or details, please refer to our on-line diary: [gurc.net/diary](http://gurc.net/diary)*

*Please remember to email [diary@gurc.org.uk](mailto:diary@gurc.org.uk) with all additions or changes!!*

**Mini Fishes** – Mondays 9.30am Main Hall - Currently on Easter holiday

**Coffee, Tea & Cake Drop-in & Warm Space** - Mondays 2.00pm Sanctuary

**Senior Table Tennis** -Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am Main Hall

**Bible Study** – Wednesdays 7.00pm Sanctuary, with Jonathan Cooper

**Art & Craft Club** – 1st Saturday of the month: 9.30am Sanctuary

**Tuesday Fellowship** – 2nd Tuesday of the month: next April 9th 2.15pm

**Mid-week Praise** – 3rd Thursday of the month: next April 18th 7.00pm

**Church Family Breakfast** - 2nd Sunday of the month: next however on April 21st from 9.45am

## CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

Through the year we remember in prayer all those in our Church Family:

Paul & Mary Redman, Chloe and Nathan and Mr Wilf & Mrs Eileen Rhodes

## DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday:** We praise God, that although the rain may pour at the moment, it will lead to beautiful gardens of flowers and plants in time. We thank him that he is Lord of Creation.

**Monday:** Prayers from the Bible Society: Praise God that the 'Open the Book' storytelling in schools is spreading across the world. Proverbs 22: 6 'Teach children how they should live and they will remember it all their lives'

**Tuesday:** We pray for the people of southern Africa, suffering serious droughts and resulting food shortages at the moment. We pray God will provide rain at the right time for them, after we have had so much.

**Wednesday:** Prayers from the Bible Society: Pray for the 'Open the Book' teams in the UK and in Africa, South America and Guatemala - a very poor country, where many children are now hearing and responding to these stories. Proverbs 22: 6 'Teach children how they should live and they will remember it all their lives'

**Thursday:** We pray for our elders who are meeting our new Visionary Companion today, that there may be a building of understanding and friendship that will bring a positive future for our church and community.

**Friday:** Prayers from the Bible Society: Pray for Pastor Juan Perez and the children he teaches, for protection, spiritually, emotionally and physically. Proverbs 22: 6 'Teach children how they should live and they will remember it all their lives'

**Saturday:** We pray for the people in Taiwan, coping with the aftermath of the recent earthquakes and destruction these cause. We pray for the injured and relatives of those who died. We also pray for God's care as we approach the season where various weather-related problems start to arise - fire, storms or floods.

## NOTICES

CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY (CPAS) Ministry Among Women.

Friday 12 April, 9.30-2.30pm at Offington Park Methodist Church. "Blooming where we're planted" with speaker Helen Johnson and featuring 'Hope Rising' music group. Cost £7.00 including drinks. See notice board. *Eileen* has application forms.

How lovely to have received some of Easter's beautiful white flowers. They came in my wedding anniversary and mean a lot to me. Thank you all so much, *Jane Bond*

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers Hilary and Chloe brought round to my house today, a lovely surprise. *Val B xxx*

*Ray Knight* dropped a line to say thank you for the lovely flowers, which Hilary delivered to him in the week. It was very kind of you all, God bless you.

The Elders are meeting on the 11th April when they will also be meeting with the new VC (Visionary Companion)

How can I serve my church?

There are many roles that need undertaking to keep a church functioning. At the moment we have a vacancies for Safeguarding Lead, Bible Society Rep and a Public Relations Person. We also need more people to help out in the Vision/Sound Desk Team, Mini Fishes, Junior Church and the Welcome Editing Team. Please take a look at the role descriptions on the board at the back of church, and if you feel lead to consider any of these roles, take a sheet home with you, fill in the form on the back and hand it to either Mary Redman or Val Gill. Thank you, *The Elders*

Contributions for **Welcome**: E-mail: [welcome@gurc.org.uk](mailto:welcome@gurc.org.uk)

The editor for the rest of April will be Wilf Rhodes

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