

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 31st August 2025

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

**10.30 a.m. Morning Worship: Rev Julian Thomas
from Chichester
Duty Elder: Mrs Bobby Hitchin**

**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.**



**SOUTH
DOWNS**

HYMNS & READINGS

MP 20 All people that on earth do dwell.
Reading Hebrews 13 v. 1 – 8; 15 – 16
MP 89 Come down, O love divine.
Reading Luke 14 v. 1, 7 – 14
MP 683 There's a wideness in God's mercy
MP 631 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
MP 16 All my hope on God is founded

FUTURE SERVICES

September 7 Rev Roger Wood, Interim Moderator, with
Holy Communion. Induction of Elders.
September 14 Mr Philip Williams from Tear Fund
September 21 Rev George Butterworth

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WHAT'S ON

MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group Mondays 9.30 am
in Term time
COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.
In the Church
TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month
September 9th in the Cornwall Room.

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, only, September 13th in Church

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in Church.

NEXT CHURCH MEETING
SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER at 10.00 am

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PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Shine, O Light of God, upon our faces, kindle our hearts with beams of grace; beneath the gladness of your sun, our life with all humankind is one.

MONDAY

Help us, O God our father, amid our sometimes muddled daily lives, always to serve you faithfully, and with cheerful courage. Bring us to the end of our days with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TUESDAY

Heavenly Father, we pray for a blessing on our daily work. Grant that we may work faithfully and honourably in the tasks you have given to us today. Teach us patience and endurance, and give us wisdom and insight when we are in the dark.

WEDNESDAY

Lord, you know how busy we must be today: if we forget you, we pray that you will not forget us. Earth is crammed with heaven and every common bush afire with God: but only they who see take off their shoes.

THURSDAY

O Lord our God, did you in days of old commune with us, and holy thoughts instil? And are you speaking still? O Lord our God your children need you yet, their feet to guide, their hearts with love to fill. O give us a quickened ear lest we forget that you are speaking still.

FRIDAY

We thank you, O Father, that you reveal yourself to us in so many ways. May we always be ready to see you in all things that are true and beautiful, and to yield ourselves as messengers of your holy will.

SATURDAY

Light looked down and beheld Darkness, there will I go, said Light.
Peace looked down and beheld War, there will I go, said Peace.
Love looked down and beheld Hatred, there will I go said Love.
So came Light and shone; so came Peace, and gave rest;
So came Love and brought Life,

And the Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us.

Church Family Prayers:

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

Chris Howie; Tania Hunt; and Joan Jenkin.

NOTICES

CRAFT GROUP

Please Note: the Art & Craft Group will meet on September 13th because the sanctuary will be hosting an Elders' Day on the 6th.

Caroline Hibbs

PRAISE AND BIBLE STUDY.

From September the Praise evening will be incorporated with the weekly Wednesday Bible Study, starting at 7 pm with refreshments. The first meeting is on Wednesday 17th September.

Valerie Cooper

HARVEST

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held on September 28th. The Elders have agreed that Turning Tides should be the charity that we support with our harvest gifts. So while some items will go to the Food Bank as usual, other items will be sent to Turning Tides. The items that T.T. would like are:- Tins of food; cleaning products; duvets and crockery. [Thought we do not think we have room for large items in church!]. We will start the collection of harvest goods from the beginning of September giving us all plenty of opportunities to donate. A poster on the A-board at the back of the church gives more details.

The Elders

INDUCTION OF ELDERS

Next Sunday 7th September our service will be conducted by our Interim Moderator, Rev Roger Wood, when he will induct our Elders for another year of work in our church, and Ordain our new Elders.

A QUOTE

Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul, may keep the path, but will not reach the goal; while he who walks in love may wander far, yet God will bring him where the blessed are.

Henry van Dyke