

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 25th August 2024

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

10.30 am Morning Worship : Ms Maureen Clarke

Duty Elder: Mr Wilfred Rhodes.

**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.**



**BANK
HOLIDAY
FUN FAIR**

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HYMNS & READINGS FOR TODAY:

MP 1087 Lord, I come before your throne of grace
MP 988 How deep the father's love for us.
MP 225 He's got the whole wide world
Reading Jonah 1:1-5a; 15-17; 2: 10-3:3a
MP 683 There's a wideness
Reading James 3: 13 – 4: 3
MP 51 Be thou my vision

FUTURE SERVICES

September 1 Mary Redman [consolidating James] and
Holy Communion with Wilfred Rhodes.
September 8 Rev George Butterworth
September 15 Rev George Butterworth

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MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group ON SUMMER HOLIDAYS
COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month
next meeting September 10th speaker:

Iryna Tyazhkorob from Ukraine

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15 Main Hall
Temporarily suspended.

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m
next meeting 7th September in Church

JAMES BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Mondays at 10.00 am and
Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in Church. During August.

MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly on 3rd Thursday

AND ALSO:-

Sunday 8 September Church Breakfast is cancelled
Friday 13 September Coffee Morning
Thursday 26 September Church Meeting
Saturday 19 October Barn Dance

Please continue to pray for the future of our church as we move forward to the next phase of finding a new minister (as outlined at Church Meeting)

PRAYERS THIS WEEK are from Tearfund with the theme:
“With God all things are possible”
We pray for peace in Gaza and Israel.

SUNDAY

We pray for peace in Gaza and Israel – an immediate cease fire, an end to violence, and the release of all hostages on both sides.

MONDAY

Lord we pray for all civilians - protect them from harm, particularly the most vulnerable, children, older people with disabilities For those who are forced to flee their homes-we ask for safe places to stay. May they be soon able to return home.

TUESDAY

Today we ask for Your protection, Lord, for all the humanitarian workers - those who provide assistance and medical supplies, for Tearfund's partners in the territory and neighbouring countries – that you will strengthen them as they support schools and hospitals.

WEDNESDAY

Bless those who have been traumatised or injured; heal their physical and emotional wounds, and bring them deep comfort. Lord save them from despair, for the trauma and violence they've experienced. May your peace fill their hearts and minds.

THURSDAY

We ask for strength for the medical staff as they continue to provide the life-saving services to all those affected. Please provide all the resources and equipment they need to treat the sick and injured.

FRIDAY

Lord, we pray for faith leaders and communities across the region – that they will stand firm; and for unity, connection and mutual understanding so that they can help bring people together and show kindness and forgiveness.

SATURDAY

O Lord our God, grant the world leaders Your wisdom to make decisions that lead to lasting peace.

AMEN.

Church Family Prayers:

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

Annita and Malcolm Strudwick;

Bett and Tony Swierk and their family.

NOTICES.

There will be a leaflet about our “Church on the Corner” going in the Welcome Pack for the new residents of the Elizabeth Square estate on Barrington Road. This will include information about services and activities happening in the church. Please pray that it will have a good reception among the people who move in there over the coming month

It is with sadness that our Church Family Breakfast is cancelled for September, but will return on Sunday 13th October with BACON BUTTIES!

A letter has been received from the Senior Neonatal Nurse, thanking the ladies who have lovingly knitted hats for the Neonatal Unit at Worthing Hospital. They have enough hats to last for around a year. Thank you, Mary, for organising this.

We have received a certificate of congratulations from MIND for the money we raised at our last Coffee Morning. The certificate is on the wall behind the coffee trolley. Do take a look *The Outreach Team*

FIRST AID.

To the whole church: I am looking into the possibility of having a First Aid trainer come to church and train some of us in EMERGENCY FIRST AID. If we have at least 5 people then we would be able to do this at church. The course is run for a whole day. The necessary costs, if for official first aiders, would be covered by the church. Official First Aiders need a refresher course every 3 years to remain ‘certified’. At the moment I wish to gauge how many people are interested. If you are, please e-mail me. This is not commitment at the moment

Mary Redman: Safeguarding Deputy.

There is a Talmudic story told about a Rabbi in a busy market place talking to Elijah. He asked him about the important people there were about in the market. Elijah looked around and pointed to two quite nondescript men over in a corner. The Rabbi went over to speak to them – they were important after all. “Oh no” said the men, “we aren’t important, Elijah must have made a mistake. We are just clowns in the local circus. We just help to make people happy, happier when they leave than when they came.” Of course Elijah had made no mistake. The clowns made people feel good about themselves and that was certainly an important and essential thing to do. Even Nail Bars and Beauty Salons aim to make people feel better about themselves. Their customers leave feeling happier, more content and more self-confident than when they arrived.

And what is more important and essential than that!?

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