Goring United Reformed Church

A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church





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WELCOME

Sunday 12th November 2023 Remembrance Sunday

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 led by Caroline Hibbs Duty Elder: Mr Matthew Smith.

If you are visiting us for the first time we do Welcome you especially. Please make yourselves known to our 'Welcomers' and ask for a leaflet for Newcomers, with details of our church.



THE CENOTAPH LONDON

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK OF REMEMBRANCE. SUNDAY

What shall we pray for those who died, those on whose death our lives relied? Silenced by war but not denied, give them Peace, Lord..

MONDAY

What shall we pray for those who mourn, friendships and love, their fruit unborn? Though years have past, hearts still are torn. Give them Peace, Lord.

TUESDAY

What shall we pray for those who live tied to the past they can't forgive haunted by terrors they relive? Give them Peace, Lord.

WEDNESDAY

What shall we pray for those who know nothing of war, and cannot show grief or regret for friend or foe? Give them Peace, Lord.

THURSDAY

What shall we pray for those who fear war, in some guise, may reappear, looking attractive and sincere? Give them Peace, Lord.

FRIDAY

Thank you God for bread and for beauty, for life and for love, for Jesus Christ the living word of God.

SATURDAY

God give us Peace and, more than this, show us the path where justice is; and never let us be remiss. Give us Peace, Lord.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND MAY OUR CRIES COME TO YOU. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN

Church Family Prayers:

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

Donna Potter; Kay Pritchard; Geoffrey Redman - our Organist.

Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS)

MINISTRY AMONG WOMEN

Friday 24th November Offington Park Methodist Church, South Farm Rd., BN14 7TN 9 am to 9.30 am Registration. Ends 2.30 pm. A time of worship & fellowship with speaker Sheila Leech, a former missionary nurse, who helped set up community health and development projects all over the world.

Further information and application forms from Eileen Rhodes. 01903 248263 See notice board in church.

SUNDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK:

Hymns: MP 411 Let there be love – sing twice Jesus loves me this I know

MP 50 Be still and know

MP 3 Abba Father - sing twice

MP 456 Make me a channel of your peace MP 188 God is our strength and refuge

Readings: Ecclesiastes 3; v. 1 – 15, 17

John 3, v. 27 – end of chapter

Matthew 5, v. 7 – 10

FUTURE SERVICES

November 19 Miss Maureen Clarke November 26 Rev Dr Janet Hopewell

December 3 The Elders:- 1st Sunday in Advent

MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group: Mondays 9.30 – 11.15 am COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm. TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month

next meeting: November 14 :----

Members to talk about, or show pictures about a memorable childhood experience.

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15
ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month: 9.30 -12.30 a.m
next meeting December 2nd

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays 7.00 pm in Church. MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly on 3rd Thursday 16th November at 7.00 pm with refreshments

TERRACYCLE The confectionery scheme is ending soon, please make sure any chocolate or sweet wrappers are in the gold bin by 19th Nov. so that I can get them to Worthing Boys Club in time. After that check the packaging for where your wrappers can be recycled. Most will be with carrier bags in large supermarkets.

SAFE IN SUSSEX We would like to be able to send Christmas presents to the women and children in this Refuge again. Please see the board at back of the church for details. Take a gift tag and return to church by 3rd Dec. unwrapped. As always if you find it difficult to shop please let me know and I can buy on your behalf. Please note I would need to know by 26th November. Thank you!

Mary Redman - Outreach Group.

NOTICES.

GIFT DAY On Gift Day £2848 was donated to our church and we thank you for your generosity

Matthew Smith - Treasurer.

FROM THE CHURCH MEETING NOVEMBER 4TH.

In the Southern Synod Deployment Process we are asked to: PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, so we should arrange a prayer time. The ideal time for this is at the Thursday Praise Evening, therefore the next one, on NOVEMBER 16TH will be a time of Worship and Prayer, concentrating on praying for our church and its future. This will become a most vital meeting.

THE NEXT CHURCH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH AT 10.30 AM. IN THE CHURCH

<u>LITTLE FISHES AGM</u> will take place at 8.15 pm on Monday 13th Nov. Church members are welcome to attend.

Susie Thomas

KESTRO Invite you to join them on Friday Nov. 24th to hear the Ferring Community Choir sing in our Main Hall at 3.00 pm. Then the Offington Bells are ringing in the Club on Friday 8th December between 2.30 & 3.00 pm. Do come!

Carol Webber

AN EXCERPT FROM A RECENT SYNOD TOGETHER REPORT

Our church is one of 160 congregations in the Southern Synod of the URC covering Kent, Surrey, Sussex and parts of South London. Twice a year representatives of these congregations gather for an enlarged church meeting. On 21 October, the most recent meeting, the Rev Martin Hayward was inducted as Synod Clerk before discussing the continuing importance of Walking the Way and Stepwise, the creation of one Synod Area for the whole of Kent, Synod Youth Work and Synod Finance. Luckily the meeting was on Zoom as the Temple Church of St Mary Cray, the meeting venue, is difficult to reach from here by the start time of 10.30 am.

Giles Wilson, Synod Together Representative (Retd)
[We are very grateful to Giles for the years he has acted as our
Synod Representative. We are very pleased that Valerie Cooper has
offered to take his place, and we look forward to her Reports.]

NOTE: A CHANGE TO OUR MISSION STATEMENT, AS DISCUSSED BY THE ELDERS AND AGREED BY CHURCH MEETING** Many thanks to those who have organised our church Breakfast this morning