

# Goring United Reformed Church



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# WELCOME

Sunday 20th April 2025  
Easter Day!!

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

**10.30 a.m. Morning Worship:  
Jonathan Cooper & Valerie Gill.  
Duty Elder: Mrs Valerie Gill.**

**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.**



## **HYMNS & READINGS**

- MP 689 Thine be the Glory  
MP 453 Low in the grave He lay  
MP 389 Jesus, you are changing me  
MP 975 Before the throne of God above  
MP 1216 O precious sight (Wonder of the Cross)

Readings: John's Gospel 20 v.1-10 and John's Gospel 20 v. 11-18

## **FUTURE SERVICES**

- April 27 Rev John Jennings  
May 4 Wilfred Rhodes; with Holy Communion  
May 11 Rev George Butterworth; and church breakfast
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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
next meeting May 13th. Speaker Christina Shearer
- 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 May 3rd in Church
- BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in Church.
- CHURCH MEETING Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.00 pm
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The Rose bouquet given to me last Sunday is delightful and such a surprise. Many thanks.

## **PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

### **SUNDAY**

Hallelujah! Christ the Lord is risen today! May the presence of our risen Lord be with us today! Amen

### **MONDAY**

Hallelujah! Lives again our glorious King! Give thanks for the joys of Eastertide. Amen

### **TUESDAY**

Hallelujah! Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising every moment of the day. Amen

### **WEDNESDAY**

Hallelujah! Give me peace in my heart, and grant peace to the people of this country, and the warring countries of our world. Amen

### **THURSDAY**

Hallelujah! Give me love in my heart, love and compassion, for those who are sick, lonely or anxious. Amen.

### **FRIDAY**

Hallelujah! May the risen Lord Jesus watch over us and renew us as he renews the whole of creation. Amen

### **SATURDAY**

Hallelujah! Thank God for the spring blossom on the trees and the colourful spring flowers in our gardens. Amen.

### **Church Family Prayers:**

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

Caroline and David Hibbs; Barbara and Paul Hillman

Also: to all those who have known Bill Marshall, living in 'The Beeches', keep him in your prayers.

At the moment he is very low.

### **D.E.C. APPEAL**

There is an appeal to support the victims of the Myanmar Earthquake. As usual, you are invited to contribute to the church's response over the next three Sundays. Please place your donations in the collection plate, in an envelope marked "Earthquake Appeal". Or you may make a donation by Bank Transfer if you prefer.

## NOTICES

### PLANT, BOOK AND CRAFT SALE

We are holding this on Saturday next 26<sup>th</sup> April.

If you have plants to donate, please see Mary Redman or bring them to church ON FRIDAY between 1 pm and 3 pm.

We need plants, books, cakes and PEOPLE!! If you are able to help on a stall for a long or short time please see one of the Outreach Team [Rosina, Mary or any of the Valeries]

Our special sale will run from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm on Saturday.

### BIBLE EXHIBITION

**At the same time as the sale, we will have a Bible Exhibition.** If you have one or some Bibles of special interest and meaning for you, and you would like to show them, please bring them to church on Friday or on the Saturday, with appropriate labels explaining them, and your name. You will be able to pick them up after our Sunday morning service. Otherwise they will be safely stored in the minister's vestry.

### RUTH & MAMY'S CHAT

Ruth Raharimanantsoa has sent us her April letter from Wales.

Copies are on the table at the back of the church. Do read her news.

Though due for retirement she and Mamy are still very busy.

### SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE

We will be having another Songs of Praise service on 15<sup>th</sup> June so if you would like to sing your favourite song or hymn, or you have a special and favourite Bible reading you would like to read; or even a poem that touches your heart, please let me know, so that we can put the service together.

*Caroline Hibbs – Service Planner.*

### MRS DENISE WOODS.

Our long time church member and friend, Denise Woods died on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025. A service for Denise will be held at the Crematorium on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, at 12.00 noon, conducted by her son-in-law Michael. There will be refreshments in our church hall afterwards, from 1.00 pm, and family and friends are invited.

May our prayers be with her family – Denise will be much missed.

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