

Goring United Reformed Church

A joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 5th December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10.30 am Morning Worship : Rev Andy Twilley
Training & Development Officer for URC Southern Synod

Duty Elder: Mrs Bobby Hitchin

If you are visiting us for the first time we do Welcome you especially.

Please make yourselves know to our 'Welcomers'



We are here to worship God and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to all

THIS WEEK: Hymns: M.P. 393 Joy to the World.

Video Song: Christmas isn't Christmas

M.P. 326 Immanuel, O Immanuel.

M.P. 456 Make me a channel of your Peace

Bible Reading: Ephesians 2: verses 14 & 17–18

NEXT WEEK Sunday 12th December : our Morning Service at 10.30 am
will be conducted by Miss Maureen Clarke from Sompting. All are very welcome.

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JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS – Every Monday at 6.00 pm in Main Hall

SENIOR TABLE TENNIS – Every Tuesday at 9.30 am in the Sanctuary

PRE-SCHOOL PUPPET CLUB – Every Tuesday at 1.30pm during term - time

KESTRO CLUB – Every Friday at 2.00 pm in Main Hall

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at
2.15pm in the Cornwall Room. At the meeting on 14th December the speaker
is our minister Andrew.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday 11th December at 2.00 pm

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – Thursday 16th December at 7.00 pm in Church.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH for the flowers delivered to us by
Ray Elliott. A lovely and bright display. Maureen & Vic Joy
Gordon Brunton also sends his thanks for flowers delivered to him.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Nov. 28: Plumber selected to replace Children's toilet.

Nov. 30: Church phone number transferred from Plusnet to Sipgate.

Dec. 1: Notice boards updated with details of Christmas events.

DAILY PRAYERS

This week we have received prayers from the Bible Society, for Gambia, and these will be used in some of our Daily Prayers. The country is very small on the very west of Africa with a population of 2½ million. Official language-English

Sunday: Father God, today we pray for our visiting Preacher, Andy Twilley. Bless him as he conducts our worship. Bless him for all the work he does for the URC all over the Southern Synod.

Monday: Let us pray for the Christians in Gambia. Almost half the Gambians live in poverty. 95% of the population are Muslims and we would pray for them too, that all may live in harmony

Tuesday: We give thanks for the new JOLA translation of the Bible, which is the language of 60,000 people and will be launched in 2022. This is the original language of the people, and has been long-awaited.

Wednesday: We pray for the literacy and listening classes that are attended by Muslims and Christians, as they learn to read and listen to the Bible being read in their own local language.

Thursday: Let us pray for new Bible workers in the Gambia, that they may receive God's call; and for Michael Ellis, who is Gambian and leads the Bible Society in Gambia.

Friday: Father God, we thank you that we are able to worship you in our open church. Lord keep us all safe we pray. But we know that many of our friends are bereaved and are sad even though Christmas approaches. Be with them especially.

Saturday: O Lord, support us all through the long day of our lives, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life over, and our work is done. Then Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Church Family Prayers.

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

Mrs & Mrs Malcolm & Anita Strudwick and Mr & Mrs Tony & Bett Swierk

The Lord bless us all and keep us safe.
Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen

NOTICES

WINTER CHRONICLE is ready for collection from today, Sunday.

It can also be seen on our website: <https://gurc.net/chronicle>

Up to date handbooks are also available from Graham Redman: Please make a contribution towards their costs of £1.50 each [put into the offertory plate]

CHRISTMAS SERVICES LEAFLETS

New leaflets advertising our Groups and our Christmas services are available at the back of the church ready to be delivered to our neighbours. Please do take a bundle and deliver to one of the local streets. It is such an important outreach. Thank you to those who can help in this way. *Mary Redman - Outreach Group.*

CHRISTMAS GIVING for "SAFE IN SUSSEX"

This year there are 23 women and 28 children staying in the Safe in Sussex Refuge over the Christmas period. We are planning to be able to give each a gift and thank everyone who has contributed to these presents. They will all be gathered up and Mary Redman will be taking them to their Office on Friday of this coming week. *Mary Redman – Outreach Group.*

COME AND BE CREATIVE

Plans are in place to open an Arts & Craft morning at the church on one Saturday each month. Any art or craft that you are working on may be brought in, or use what we have here. From 9.30 to 12.30 come and be creative in these peaceful surroundings. This is open to everyone, so do bring a friend. This is likely to commence at the end of January – to be confirmed. Please let me know if you are interested. *Caroline Hibbs*

FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2022 are at the back of the church.

If you don't use these at the moment and would like to join the scheme, please contact me. *Matthew Smith : Treasurer*

URC SOUTHERN SYNOD NEWSLETTER

Covers Mission & Vision, and all the events and courses that the URC organise. Printed copies are available at the back of the church and also on line at the [Southern Synod Website](https://www.southern-synod.org.uk/)

BIBLE SOCIETY

Meeting together for Carols and Refreshments. Wednesday 8th December at 10.30 am in Christ Church C of E church in Worthing.

Contributions for Welcome

During December the Editor will be Wilf Rhodes.
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