

Communion Service

Led by Val Cooper

Duty Elder: Wilfred Rhodes

Sunday 1st December 2024

Welcome

Goring United Reformed Church



NOTICES

ORDER OF SERVICE

758	When the Lord in Glory Comes
NT	<i>Luke 1:5-23</i>
	Your Promises Are Coming True
NT	<i>Luke 1 57-66</i>
179	Go Tell It on the Mountain
619	Such Love
556	Peace to you

realised £3529. So far we have a surplus in our Accounts of £15,000 after including Manse income. We do thank most sincerely all those who have contributed in any way to our finances and to Our Lord's work. **Wilf Rhodes**

FLOWERS

"We very much appreciate the lovely flowers you sent us they are a beautiful . And cheer. Up our living room. We hope to return to church soon.

Best wishes."

Maureen & Vic Joy

LEAFLETS

We have leaflets to be delivered in our local area, advertising this year's Christmas services. They are at the back of church. If you can, please help by taking some to post through people's doors. Many thanks.

Outreach Group

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Craft Club have made a large Christmas Card for the Church Family to sign instead of sending individual cards to each other. This will be at the back of the Church along with a box for donations to a local charity. Thank you for your generosity.

CAROLS OF JOY

We are, as you know, planning a 'Carols for Joy' Service so please will you let **Val Cooper** or **Caroline Hibbs** know your favourite carols and why you like them. You could also choose your favourite texts in the bible relating to the birth of Jesus. Please will you let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

BIBLE QUOTE

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)



FINANCE

From our Treasurer's Report to Church Meeting recently: Our Gift Day at Harvest time



AFTERNOON CAROLS

This afternoon's short Carol Service starts at 15:00 and will be followed by mince pies and Christmas cake with tea and coffee. Gluten- and dairy-free options will be available.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Good morning Lord! Today is a new day, a new month, a chance for a new start. Thank you for today, a new opportunity to love, give and be all that you want me to be.

Monday: Thank you Father Lord, for this new day. Pray for your love and strength to help me overcome any obstacles that may arise and give me wisdom and guidance in everything that I do today.

Tuesday: Heavenly Father, we stand in awe of the beauty and majesty that You've placed all around us. May our lives, like the heavens, reflect Your glory in all that we say and do.

Wednesday: Dear Lord, help us to love our neighbours more than we love ourselves, respecting differences and

embracing our commonalities to find common ground.

Thursday: Pray for those who are experiencing difficulties in the run-up to Christmas, especially those with financial problems and responsibility for children. May the gifts which we provide via Junior Church be a small token of love shared.

Friday: Pray that in this period of uncertainty in world affairs leaders may come forth with a blueprint for peace that will herald an end to the death and destruction witnessed on a daily basis.

Saturday: Lord we ask for your blessings on all the activities being planned this month. May they bring joy to all who participate and be a demonstration of Your love for us.

FLOWERS

"Thankyou for the lovely flowers given to me by Hilary on Sunday. They have certainly brightened up the winter days."

Christina Shearer



FAMILY PRAYERS

Through the week we pray for all of those in our Church Family: This week we particularly pray for:

Valerie Parker,
Alfred Parsons,
and Alan Paterson



DIARY & MISC

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DECEMBER SERVICES

Sun 1 st	Afternoon Carols (15:00, followed by Mince Pies)
Sun 8 th	The Elders (with Church Breakfast)
Sun 15 th	The Elders
Thu 19 th	Carols by Candlelight (19:00)
Sun 22 nd	The Elders
Tue 24 th	Christmas Nativity Service (17:00)
Wed 25 th	Christmas Morning Worship
Sun 29 th	Carols for Joy

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Mon 2 nd	14:00–16:00	Coffee & Cake
Tue 3 rd	09:30–11:15	Table Tennis
Wed 4 th	19:00	Bible Study
Thu 5 th	19:00	Elders Meeting
Fri 6 th	09:30–11:15	Table Tennis

...AND LATER ON

Sun 8 th	09:45–10:20	Church Breakfast
Tue 10 th	14:00–16:00	Tuesday Fellowship
Tue 24 th	17:00	Christmas Nativity Service

