Goring United Reformed Church

A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church

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WELCOME

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

Sunday 26th February 2023

First Sunday in LENT

New Here?

If you are new here to Goring United Reformed Church, please pick up a New Here? leaflet from the back of the church, or visit our website gurc.net under 'Publications' on the top Menu.

Ask a member of the Welcome Team if you need help

10.30 am Morning Worship: Mrs Rosina Bayley
Duty Elder: Hilary Redman

TODAY'S HYMNS & READINGS:

MP 50 Be still for the power of the Lord
MP 705 Thy hand O God has guided
MP 1 A new commandment
MP 572 Rejoice, Rejoice

Isaiah 58 v 1-11 Matthew 5 13-15

NEXT WEEK: our Morning Service at 10.30am with Communion will be conducted by Rev Andrew Sellwood. All our Sunday services are recorded for later viewing: https://www.gurc.net

REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY:
For further dates, please refer to our on-line diary: gurc.net/diary

Mini Fishes – Mondays 9.30am Main Hall/Cornwall Room
Coffee, Tea & Cake Drop-in & Warm Space – Mondays 2.00pm Sanctuary
Senior Table Tennis – Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am Main Hall
Art & Craft Club – First Saturday of the month 9.30am Sanctuary
GURC Home Group - Last Wednesday of the month at Rosina's
Tuesday Fellowship - Tuesday 28th February 2.15pm Playback Music Group

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO CHURCH DIARY DATES. Please remember to send an email to diary@gurc.org.uk for all additions or changes to dates in the church calendar. Many dates are still slipping through the net and not appearing on our diary.

ADVANCE NOTICE: The next Praise Evening will be on Thursday 23rd March and not 16th. Please come and join us for an informal hour of Praise and Prayers of our amazing God, in the Church beginning at 7pm.

DAILY PRAYERS

this week we think about the different groups that use our halls when we do not.

Sunday: We thank God for our church building, and all the opportunities it gives us. We pray that our facilities will bless everyone in whatever they do, whether church-organised or outside communities.

Monday: We pray today for the Musical Theatre group that meet on Tuesdays - we thank God for the creativity and abilities he has given our race and the positive effect it has on our wellbeing.

Tuesday: We pray today for Rowland Singers group that meet on Wednesdays, for patience and harmony needed to perform in such a choir. May God use the gift of song to his Glory.

Wednesday: We pray today for the International Dance group meeting on Fridays. We remember what an amazing thing the human body that God created is, and the expressions it enables.

Thursday: We think today of Kestro and the people supporting the visitors there on Friday afternoon. We pray for God's continued healing in the stroke recovery process.

Friday: We pray today for the dog training group meeting on Saturday mornings, that they may be successful in dealing with both dogs and owners. We praise God for his wonderful creation and companionship pets give to many people.

Saturday: We pray today for the churches using our hall and church on Sunday afternoons for services. We ask God to bring his purposes about in their midst as well as our own congregation, as we seek to serve him.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

Throughout the year we remember in our prayers all those in our Church Family:
Mr Matthew & Mrs Wilma Smith; Mr Malcolm & Mrs Anita Strudwick

NOTICES

A grateful thanks to all for the bright and cheering flowers brought to us by Alison on Monday, *Margaret and David*.

Thank you for the lovely bunch of daffodils Hilary gave me last Sunday, the first of the year for me. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing prayers, love and support during the past 14 weeks. I hope to be progressing off my crutches soon. Love *Wilma*

Edna Nicholas, Member and church friend - Edna's son Kevin has telephoned to say that Edna died on Wednesday evening 15th February. She was very peaceful. Kevin is arranging for her funeral to be held at Worthing Crematorium and when details are available he will let us know. Please pray for Edna's family, she has five children and numerous grand and great grand children.

A new prayer book is now available in the Dean Library (East Transept). You are welcome to write your prayers here, and join with others who are sharing their prayers.

DEC have launched a crisis appeal for Turkey/Syria following the devastating earthquake there. As a Church we always seek to support DEC appeals, so a last opportunity will be provided for you to contribute through the collection plate on Sunday 26th February. Please place your donations in an envelope marked "DEC Earthquake Appeal". If you are not attending Church at this time, please get in touch about other options. Thank you, *Matthew Smith, Treasurer*

The 2023 World Day of Prayer service will take place 2.30pm Friday 3rd March at St Michael's RC, Hayling Rise. All welcome! There is plenty of car parking and it's on a bus route. There will be refreshments provided after the service. See Susie Thomas for details.