

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

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

Sunday 30th July 2023

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



Henry Alexander Bowler's
The Doubt: 'Can These Dry Bones Live?'
was painted in 1855

10.30 am Morning Worship: Rev. David Hill
Duty Elder: Val Cooper

TODAY'S SERVICE:

An introduction by David Hill:

Take a deep breath, stand or sit – whichever your health appreciates – open your lungs, your mouth, your heart and for a major part of this service we will sing to His Glory. And today we may even sing more than normal! All of our songs have been chosen to encourage us in Praise and will appear on the screen in two main sections of singing. We all know that worship is far more than singing and many of us are unsure of the expression “time of worship” if it only involves songs, but worship in the Bible shows our hearts and voices should unite. So let us raise our voices and our hearts as we come in praise and thanksgiving.

In addition we will begin our service by using some words which date back centuries and sometimes referred to as the Sursum Corda. When I was a child and went to the local Chapel, these words were printed in the first page of the Hymn book, but were never ever used – because as some folk told me, “We don’t use them because we just don’t”. Instead our hymn books were marked to a very select number of hymns that we sang week after week. Today we have such a wealth and variety of songs and liturgies that means we are spoilt for choice. Over the last few weeks you have graciously entered into orders of service which are different every time and for the next few months that is likely to continue as lay preachers and others will be conducting your services. I hope and pray your public worship will continue to be fresh and invigorating as we seek to give Him glory.

David: The Lord be with you -

All: And also with you.

David: Lift up your hearts -

All: We lift them to the Lord.

David: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God -

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

All: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

David: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

NEXT WEEK: our Morning Communion Service at 10.30am will be led by Mr Stuart Dew. All our Sunday services are recorded for later viewing:
<https://www.gurc.net>

REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY:

For further dates or details, please refer to our on-line diary: [gurc.net/diary](https://www.gurc.net/diary)

Mini Fishes – is on school holidays until September

Coffee, Tea & Cake Drop-in & Warm Space – Mondays 2.00pm Sanctuary

Senior Table Tennis – Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am Main Hall

Art & Craft Club – Next: Saturday August 5th 9.30am Sanctuary

Tuesday Fellowship - Next: August 8th in Bobby's garden

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.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: We thank the Lord for David speaking to us today, and for all the visiting ministers who give their time to serve us on Sundays, particularly as we look to the future of the church in Goring.

Monday: We remember those in our community with poor health, that the Lord will be close to them. We especially think of Daphne who is currently back in hospital.

Tuesday: We remember the situation on the Greek islands with the heat and resulting wildfires. We pray for safety of all people and wildlife/livestock in the areas affected.

Wednesday: We pray for people in our nation speaking the truth out in a society bound by lies and sinful agendas. May the Lord be their strength and wisdom.

Thursday: As the summer holiday season continues, we pray for those in the church who are away at any time, and ask the Lord to bless and refresh them.

Friday: Whatever is true and noble, whatever is right, and pure, whatever is lovely, and admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-meditate on these things.

Saturday: Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be the Name of the Lord Most High!

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

Through the year we remember in prayer all those in our Church Family:

Bett Swierk, Rosemary Terry, Ryan and Susie Thomas with Charlie and Joe

NOTICES

Our next praise evening will be on Thursday 17th August, if there is anything you would like to sing, please let me know by Monday 14th August so I can source the music, thanks *Val C*

Shoebox donations stationary

List of items on A board please put your donation in the bag on table for the next few weeks. Thank you, *Bett*

The Wednesday Bible Study sessions continue at the church on Wednesdays at 7pm. *Jonathan Cooper* has more information.

Notice from Sompting URC

A mid-week service is held every Wednesday at Sompting URC. We are warmly invited to join them at 10.30 am with refreshments afterwards.

The Autumn session begins on Wednesday 6th September. Please feel free to bring a Bible passage or prayer to share. Thank you, *Hilary*

From the Church Meeting:

The Outreach Team are meeting this week, and advised of the following events in September. More details will follow:

Barn Dance 16th September

Afternoon Communion Service 17th September

Matthew also confirmed that the Harvest Festival and Gift Day will be on 24th September

Contributions for **Welcome**: E-mail: welcome@gurc.org.uk

During August the Editors will be Ryan Thomas then Barbara Hillman
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