

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

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

Sunday 14th January 2024

New Here?

The Welcome Team are here to help, do please make yourself known to them!

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.



10.30 am Morning Worship: The Elders - led by Caroline Hibbs
Duty Elder: Mrs Val Gill

TODAY'S HYMNS & READINGS:

Hymn MP23 All things bright and beautiful
Hymn MP82 Cleanse me
Hymn MP581 River wash over me
Hymn 1072 In Christ alone my hope is found
Hymn MP104 Come to the waters

1st reading. Cleansing: Exodus 30 v17-21 and Leviticus 16 v4 & 24

2nd reading. Washing: 2 Kings 5 v1-15

3rd reading. Baptism: Matthew 3 v1-6 & 13-17

4th reading. Drinking: John 4 v4-26

NEXT WEEK: our Morning Service at 10.30am will be led by Richard Brunton.

All our Sunday services are recorded for later viewing: <https://www.gurc.net>

REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY (unless otherwise notified):

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

Mini Fishes – Mondays 9.30am Main Hall

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

Senior Table Tennis -Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am Main Hall

Bible Study – Wednesdays 7.00pm Sanctuary, with Jonathan Cooper

Art & Craft Club – 1st Saturday of the month: 9.30am Sanctuary

Tuesday Fellowship – 2nd Tuesday of the month: 2.15pm

Mid-week Praise – 3rd Thursday of the month: January 18th 7.00pm

Church Family Breakfast - 2nd Sunday of the month: January 14th 9.45am

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.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

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

Gaynor Anderson-Easy, Marianne Barber, Rosina Bayley and Valerie Berry

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Monday: This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. Let Him guide us as we pray.

Tuesday: Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Wednesday: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will direct your paths.

Thursday: I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness.

Friday: Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour.

Saturday: For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Please also continue to pray for our church and the future path we take as we discern what the Lord has in store for our community.

NOTICES

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Alf Parsons into membership during today's service.

The next Praise evening is Thursday 18th January at 7pm. We will once again be praying for our Church. It is an informal hour or so beginning with tea or coffee. Everyone welcome. *Val Cooper*

November Church Meeting Minutes are now ready to read on our website under the Members Area *Cont'd*

NOTICES cont.

What a lovely surprise to open the front door to Alan and Alison early last week. They had brought me a bunch of flowers from the church. Thank you for braving the wintery weather to make the special delivery! Much appreciated. Thank you to all who have expressed their love and support to me following my brother, Martyn's death - *Graham Redman*

Mrs Do Goodchild, a long standing, and very much loved friend of this fellowship has died. She was 99 years of age. She moved to Essex to be near her family during the pandemic, and stayed with them, being too frail to return to Goring. Her daughter Jill would like a memorial/thanksgiving in the church. If you would like details of any such event please let *Val Berry or Hilary Redman* know.

GURC Ladies Are Dining: I have booked the Cricketers in Broadwater for Friday 2nd February at 12.15pm for our next GLAD meal. Please add your name to the list at the back of the Church, and let me know of any dietary requirements. All ladies are welcome. *Val Gill*.

An idea has been suggested that we sometimes have a 'Songs of Praise' type of service when the whole congregation could take part bringing their favourite songs and hymns or readings from the bible, poems etc. Perhaps some would like to give their testimonies. The 17th March this year has been suggested so there is plenty of time to consider the idea. As I am sure you can understand it has become quite hard to fill the preaching slots as many ministers have retired and lay preachers are working hard in their own churches, we are blessed with our own lay preachers who work hard for us and for other local churches. Please let me know what you would like to hear and whether you would like to announce your choices and saying why you chose the item. Thank you *Caroline Hibbs*

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