

# Goring United Reformed Church



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# WELCOME

Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2025

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

**10.30 a.m. Morning Worship: Mrs Valerie Cooper  
& Elders.**

**Duty Elder: Mrs Hilary Redman**

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

**Please make yourselves known to our 'Welcomers', and  
ask for a leaflet for Newcomers, with details of our church life.**



**FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ADVENT:  
CHRISTMAS**



## **HYMNS & READINGS**

MP 880 Lord I come to you  
MP 782 O worthy are you, Lord  
MP 611 Spirit of Holiness  
MP 806 Beauty for brokenness  
MP 749 What child is this  
Reading Matthew 1 v. 19 – 25  
MP 541 Love came down at Christmas

## **FUTURE SERVICES**

December 25 The Elders  
December 28 **NO SERVICE**  
January 4 Wilfred Rhodes with Holy Communion  
and Receiving into Church Membership of  
Mrs Mary Kimber

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## **WHAT'S ON**

MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group Mondays 9.30 am  
in Term time  
COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.  
In the Church  
TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
next meeting: January 13 : Rolys Rogues Ukelele Band.  
TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 am -11.15 Main Hall  
*BUT NO TABLE TENNIS 23, 26 OR 30 DECEMBER*  
*PLAY RESUMES FRIDAY JANUARY 2ND*  
  
ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 p.m  
next meeting January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026 in Church  
BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in Church.  
  
NEXT CHURCH MEETING  
SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2026 at 10.00 am

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## **PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

### **SUNDAY**

We lift our hearts to you today – Emmanuel, God with us. You make our hearts leap with joy. Help us to announce glad tidings of peace and welcome Jesus Christ into our midst. Amen

### **MONDAY**

Let us celebrate with joyful hearts - you fill our mouths with songs of praise. Our joy is immersed in Jesus , the word made flesh. Amen

### **TUESDAY**

As stars light up the sky may your presence illuminate our lives and restore our weary hearts, O God. In the quiet moments of meditation, may we feel the warmth of your love. Amen

### **WEDNESDAY**

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to all". May our lives reflect the brilliance of your love so we may become beacons of hope in a longing world. Amen

### **THURSDAY CHRISTMAS DAY**

Thank you Lord for the indescribable joy that fills our hearts and minds. As we gather with loved ones today, may we remember the true essence of Christmas and carry your joy throughout the year. Amen

### **FRIDAY**

God speaks to us through Jesus, the light of the world and today our hearts overflow with gratitude and joy Amen

### **SATURDAY**

Christ, our source of life, let this season be for us an awakening. Open our hands and our hearts and fill our mouths with song. Amen.

### **A PRAYER FROM TURNING TIDES**

*Father God we pray:*

*For people who have recently lost accommodation and will be sleeping rough  
The presence of God be felt even in the loneliest of places on the streets  
For resilience and a kind hand on those under pressure  
For peace and harmony, particularly within relationships under strain  
Your blessing on all whom generously support Turning Tides*

### **Church Family Prayers:**

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

Valerie and Alan Cooper and their Family;  
Jonathan Cooper; Ruth Covey.

## NOTICES

### MALCOLM STRUDWICK

The funeral, of Malcolm Strudwick, celebrating his life and service will be held at Worthing Crematorium on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025, at 4.00 pm. At Malcolm's request please wear colourful clothes – no black, and no flowers, but donations can be made to Macmillan.

*Hilary Redman*

### CHURCH ON LINE PRAYERBOOK

Please make sure you are logged in to our website: [gurc.net](http://gurc.net), in order to share and make use of this worthwhile resource – the online prayers. Don't forget to add your own prayers. The prayers can only be seen by people who are signed in to the website.

*Hilary & Graham Redman*

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Our Carol Service last Thursday was much enjoyed by more than 40 members and friends.

There will be another Carol Service at Bury Drive Methodist Church today, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6.00 pm.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December Children's Nativity Service at **4.00 p.m.**

Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December : Service at 10.30 am conducted by The Elders

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY 28TH.  
OUR NEXT SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE WILL BE ON  
JANUARY 4TH when we will celebrate Holy Communion and the receiving in of a new Church Member.

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