

# **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 15th September 2024**

**10.30am Morning Worship: Rev. George Butterworth**  
**Duty Elder: Mrs Bobby Hitchin**

Sunday 22nd 10.30am service will be led by Tina Twaite.

Our Sunday services are recorded to watch later: <https://www.gurc.net>

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The editor for September 2024 will be Barbara Hillman

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**TODAY'S SERVICE:** *Hymns and readings shown on our screens*

MP 25 All to Jesus I Surrender

Isaiah 50 v 5-9

MP 790 You are the King

Mark 8 v 27- end

MP 525 O thou who camest

MP 862 I'll go in the strength

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY** *this week we remember:*

Alan & Alison Westcott, Munro & Joan Wightman, Roger & Shirley Wilde

**DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday:** Amazing Love, O what sacrifice, the Son of God given for me. My debt he pays, and my death he dies - that I might live

**Monday:** Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble...

**Tuesday:** We pray for the parents who are facing the time where the last child is moving on to study or work away from home. That they may know to fill the space left by that childcare.

**Wednesday:** We pray for the ongoing work between GURC and Roger Wood, that the relationship may grow in the time without a minister.

**Thursday:** We pray for the people of our church who give their time to lead the meetings, groups and services held during the week, that God may really use these times to speak to us.

**Friday:** All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love.

**Saturday:** I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me—and I in him—bears much fruit, because apart from me you can accomplish nothing.

**REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY** *More details can be found on-line at: [www.gurc.net/diary](http://www.gurc.net/diary), and please email any changes to [diary@gurc.org.uk](mailto:diary@gurc.org.uk)*

**Mini Fishes** – Mondays 9.30am Main Hall in Term-time

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

**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 Cornwall Room  
**Mid-week Praise** – 3rd Thursday of the month: 19th Sept. 7.00pm Sanctuary  
**Church Family Breakfast** - back on 13th October  
**Church Meeting** - Last Thursday of the month: 7.30pm Sanctuary

## CHURCH NOTICES

*Thank you* for the lovely flowers delivered to me from the Church by Alison and Alan and on my birthday to. It was a lovely surprise and an opportunity to catch up. Wilma

*BIBLE SOCIETY "HARVEST JOY"* Worthing Bible Soc. invites us to hear music by 'Harvest Home' and a ploughman's supper supporting Bible lands work in Gaza and Israel. Saturday 28 Sept. 7 pm. Tickets £10; at St Stephen's Church, 37 Angola Rd, BN14 8DU Tickets from Eileen Rhodes 248263.

*The table tennis group* are looking for leaders to help keep it running. It's possible we have one leader signed up, but a minimum of 2 leaders are needed for church groups, so we are looking for at least one other person to help lead this group. Application forms are available at the back of church, on the board by the coffee trolley. Please ask Mary if you have any questions.

*This year, our Harvest Gifts* will be in support of Safe in Sussex, an organization that plays a crucial role in our community. See below for items that are most needed at this time. Your generosity will make a real difference to those in need. We are also pleased that Kay Birch, a member of the Safe in Sussex team, will be joining us on 13th October to give an update on the work they are doing. We hope you can join us for both of these meaningful events as we come together to support our community.

A5 notebook/journal - Pritt stick - Nice pens - Tea - Hot chocolate - Adult colouring books - Nice colouring pens - Insulated, lidded coffee cups - Liquid handsoap - New bedding sets (single bed for children or adults) - New towels - Vouchers for argos/boots/amazon - New single fitted sheets - Mattress and pillow protectors (single size) - Monetary donations are also much needed.

*Thank you to all* who took part in the James Bible Study over August. I have heard some people comment that they have enjoyed it and have been challenged by it. To help us evaluate how it has gone, I have put a simple form at the back of church. Could I ask you please to fill one in and pop it in the red letterbox. You can add your name or be totally anonymous, I would just like to gather people's thoughts before we do it again. Thank you, *Mary*

*Mary is looking* into the possibility of having a First Aid trainer come to church and train some of us in Emergency First Aid. If we get at least 5 people then we will be able to do this at church, rather than having to travel elsewhere. The course is run over a whole day (the day is TBC). The cost of the course should be no more than £100 and will get cheaper if more people attend. If, however, you are willing to use your newly acquired skills at church (maybe as official First Aider in a group, at an event, or for a Sunday morning service) then we would cover the cost of the course for you. As an official First Aider, you would need a refresher course every 3 years to remain certified. At the moment she is looking to gauge how many people are interested. If you would like to take this course, please email Mary. This is not a commitment at this stage, just an expression of interest. Thank you.

*At our July Finance Meeting/Church Meeting* Matthew reported on issues arising from the Quinquennial Survey currently estimated at some £30,000 plus, and options to replace the Sanctuary Windows where costs may exceed £120,000. While we have healthy reserves, we will be reliant on seeking funding from other sources, primarily Synod to meet these essential commitments. However, we have no way of knowing how much funding will be available at this juncture. Both Finance and Church Meeting agreed that it is appropriate to hold a Gift Day at Harvest on 29 September – I will make Gift Day envelopes available ahead of time. The agreed target is £5,000 – some £2,000 more than we achieved on our last Gift Day. Please commit this matter to prayer – we trust that the Lord will bless this event and your prayerful response.

*Our Harvest Festival Service* will take place on 29th September this year. This family service will be led by Tom Hackett from Synod, who many of you may remember from his previous visits. We are looking forward to welcoming Tom back to Goring and sharing in this special occasion together.