

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 18th May 2025

Morning Worship: Mrs Wendy Piccinini

Duty Elder: Mrs Bobby Hitchin

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 25th May 10.30am service will be led by Rev George Butterworth

New Here?

Please pick up a 'New Here?' leaflet from the back of the church or visit our website www.gurc.net under 'Publications' on the top Menu.

Please email any contributions for Welcome to: welcome@gurc.net

The editor for May 2025 is Barbara Hillman

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

MP 756 When morning gilds the skies

MP 424 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Rev. 21 v 1 - 6

MP498 O God, our help in ages past

MP 1201 Longing for Light, we wait in darkness

MP 806 Beauty for Brokenness

Our Sunday services are recorded to watch later: www.gurc.net

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

Peggy Mott, Sue Nicholls, Penny Norfolk and Valerie Parker

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DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right.

Monday: Let us remember today the people and places of the Leprosy Mission that we heard about in the service yesterday. Pray for the hospital site at Anandaban in Nepal, which has suffered severe damage after heavy rainfall caused devastating landslides in late 2024.

Tuesday: Lord, help us to open our hearts to your word and engage with it more deeply. Grow our confidence in your wisdom and trust in your promises. Lead us to be doers of your word and not only hearers.

Wednesday: After Christian Aid week, pray that the funds and resources gained will be used wisely and provide vital tools and training so farmers can protect their families from hunger. In the face of extreme weather causing crop failures in the poorest areas of the world.

Thursday: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. Pray that the Lord will show each of us our strengths and how to use them wisely.

Friday: We think of the Bible Society team for Iran who haven't been able to work there since 1990, yet every day 2,000 people are coming to Jesus. Pray that God will provide the people and resources to nurture these relationships despite the opposition of the Islamic state.

Saturday: Abba, Our Father, no-one is like You. As we look on our fragile world, draw us together to be one in Your Spirit, to recognise what each of us can do, even in a small way, to make it a better place, the place You meant it to be.

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Please remember to use our important resource, the online Prayer-book accessible from the front page of our website <https://gurc.net>

For those in the congregation not online – we have a Prayer board at the back of the Sanctuary by the Refreshments area, where you are welcome to add any prayer requests you might like to share.

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REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY in the Sanctuary unless otherwise noted. *More details can be found on-line at: www.gurc.net/diary*

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

Bible Study Group – Every Wednesday 7.00pm: Sanctuary

Church Family Breakfast – 2nd Sunday of each month from 9.45am

Church Meeting – Every other month, 7.00pm: Thursday 22nd May

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

Mid-week Praise – 3rd Thursday of the month: 15th May 7.00pm

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

Senior Table Tennis -Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am Main Hall

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

NOTICES

Thank you to Peggy for the display in the front windows of the Church for the VE day 80 commemorations. Also for decorating the main hall for kestro & leaving the flags up for the Church lunch on Sunday. Well done! *Carol*

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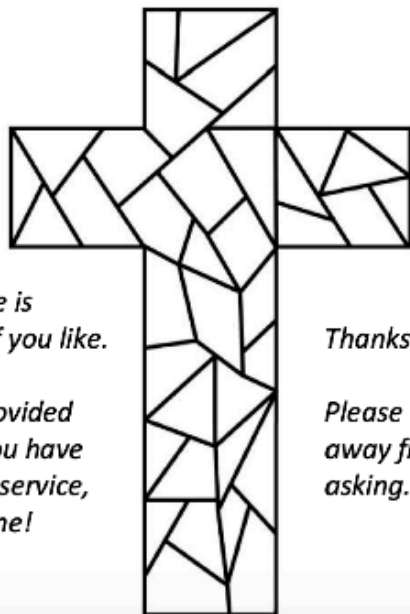
If you would like to see the Recording, Slides or Order of Service for Denise Woods recent funeral last week, you may now do so from the front page of our website <https://gurc.net> *Graham Redman*

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Don't forget the Elders election which will be taking place at the July Church Meeting – and prayerfully consider any nominations you may think of. Nomination papers are available throughout May in the Vestibule. Nomination forms need to be signed by the Proposer, Secunder and Nominee, and submitted by the last Sunday in May.

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We will be having another Songs of Praise service on 15th June so if you would like to sing your favourite song/hymn or you may have a favourite Bible passage or poem you would like to read (or have read) – please let *Caroline Hibbs* know so we can put the service together.



I had extra space so here is something to colour in if you like.

Colouring pencils are provided at the coffee trolley if you have time before or after the service, otherwise just do at home!

Thanks Val for the idea!

Please do not take any pencils away from the church without asking.