

## Goring United Reformed Church



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# WELCOME

**Sunday 13th April 2025**  
**Palm Sunday**

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

**10.30 a.m. Morning Worship: Rev Roger Woods:  
our Interim Moderator.  
Duty Elder: Mrs Valerie Cooper.**

**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.**



## Holy Week

## **HYMNS & READINGS**

R&S 208 All glory laud and honour  
O.T. Reading Psalm 118 v. 22 – 29  
N.T. Reading Luke 19 v. 28 – 40  
R&S 209 Ride on! Ride on in majesty  
R&S 271 You are the King of Glory  
R&S 523 Give me joy in my heart

## **FUTURE SERVICES**

April 17 Maundy Thursday . At Sompting  
April 18 Good Friday Mrs Valerie Cooper and Elders  
April 20 Easter Sunday Jonathan Cooper and Mrs Valerie Gill.  
April 27 Rev John Jennings

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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 May 13th. Speaker Christina Shearer

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 am -11.15 Main Hall

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m  
next meeting May 3rd in Church

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in Church.

CHURCH MEETING Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.00 pm

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## **PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

### **SUNDAY**

Holding our Palm Crosses we give thanks for the hands that have made them. Lord hold the cross-makers in your hands.

### **MONDAY**

Holding our Palm Crosses we give thanks for what their making achieves: schooling for orphans, food for the poor, hope for the hopeless. God of the poor, hold those families in your hands.

### **TUESDAY**

Holding our Palm Crosses we pray for those who carry a daily cross: those who are ill, those who are living in fear, those who are lonely. God hold them in your hands.

### **WEDNESDAY**

Holding our Palm Crosses we pray for ourselves; hope givers, joy bringers, health givers. As we hold these Crosses Lord, who walks where we walk, hold us in your hands.

### **THURSDAY**

Holding our Palm Crosses, draw us back moment by moment to a recognition of your Kingship, your innocence, your complete self-giving.

### **FRIDAY**

Holding our Palm Crosses immerse us in wonder, love and praise, as we wonder what may emerge from your great suffering.

### **SATURDAY**

Holding our Palm Crosses we say "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest Heaven.  
Amen.

### **Church Family Prayers:**

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

Cath Finlay; Margaret Gardner;

Valerie & Graeme Gill.

### **D.E.C. APPEAL.**

There is an appeal to support the victims of the Myanmar Earthquake. As usual, you are invited to contribute to the church's response over the next three Sundays. Please place your donations in the collection plate, in an envelope marked "Earthquake Appeal". Or you may make a donation by Bank Transfer if you prefer.

## NOTICES

This week is HOLY WEEK. On MAUNDY THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> April we are invited to Sompting URC for their service at 7.00 pm. Lifts available. On GOOD FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April our service will be in our own church at 10 am Conducted by Mrs Valerie Cooper and our Elders. Members from Sompting will be joining with us.

There will be a united outdoor service on Easter Sunday morning at 8.00 am near the Sea Lane café.

## EASTER FLOWERS

We thought it would be lovely if lots of people brought a bunch of flowers to be displayed in vases around the church on Easter Sunday. We have plenty of vases so please bring flowers in good time NEXT SUNDAY

*The Elders.*

## EASTER CRUISE

We thank all the Elders and the Crew, for a most enjoyable and CALM cruise last week. At least 33 of us enjoyed all the entertainment. Three course lunches were served with expert ease from 5\* chefs. A great deal of work was put in to it's organisation and we all appreciated the trip very much.

And after a very busy week we thank the organisers and preparers for Church Breakfast this morning.

Shaune and Barbara write: "Thank you so much to everyone involved in the Cruise. Your hard work in all the preparations was very much appreciated."

## PLANT, BOOK AND CRAFT SALE

Will be our next event, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Please save your surplus books in good condition; and plants that you have grown and potted; and craft that you have made for this sale 11.00am to 2.00pm.

## BIBLE EXHIBITION

**At the same time as the sale, we will have a Bible Exhibition.** If you have one or some Bibles of special interest and meaning for you, and you would like to show them, please bring them to church the Sunday before (the 20<sup>th</sup>) or on the day, with appropriate labels explaining them, and your name.

## RUTH & MAMY'S CHAT

Ruth Raharimanantsoa has sent us her April letter from Wales.

Copies are on the table at the back of the church. Do read her news.

Though due for retirement she and Mamy are still very busy.

## POINTING WORK

Ace Wall Ties will be doing pointing work around the church on 16-17 April. So vehicle access may be affected due to the workmen on ladders. West side of the church will have to be closed for safety. Please be very careful if you come on to the premises on those dates. The one-way system may be suspended.

*Matthew Smith – Church Treasurer*

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