

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 28th April 2024
Fourth Sunday after Easter.

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

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Rev Bridget Banks
U.R.C. Southern Synod Moderator.
Duty Elder: Mrs Mrs Bobby Hitchin.**

**If you are visiting us for the first time we do Welcome you
especially. Please make yourselves known to our 'Welcomers'
and ask for a leaflet for Newcomers, with details of our church.**



**IN THE
BEGINNING GOD
CREATED THE
HEAVENS AND
THE EARTH**

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Come together and celebrate the greatness of the Lord with a new song that echoes from earth to sky! Let every heart make a joyful noise. **Praise the Lord!**

MONDAY

Root us deeply in love for those in need: in joy that knows you are always with us; and peace that overcomes hostility, anger and bitterness.

TUESDAY

Your presence surrounds us with love and delight. In your embrace we find our reason to rejoice and lift our hearts in gratitude. Let every heart make a joyful noise. **Praise the Lord!**

WEDNESDAY

Root us deeply in love for those in need: in patience to persevere and kindness in word and action; in generosity in sharing time, talents and money.

THURSDAY

Let us celebrate for God's love knows no bounds - with joyful hearts we raise our song, forever grateful for God's abundant grace. Let every heart make a joyful noise. **Praise the Lord!**

FRIDAY

Root us deeply in love for those in need: in faithfulness in serving our neighbours; and gentleness that treats everyone with care and respect.

SATURDAY

Root us deeply in love for those in need: in self control so that we never cause harm to others. So may we live to serve you today and every day. AMEN

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND MAY OUR CRIES COME TO YOU. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN

Church Family Prayers:

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

Susie & Ryan and Charlie & Jo Thomas; Barbara Thorpe, Carol and Steve Webber and Family.

HYMNS & READINGS FOR TODAY

Call to Worship:

When we long for the special effects we think we should offer:

it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, spring shower:

When our hearts cracked by the drought of doubt:

it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.

When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

Hymn MP 50 Be still for the presence of the Lord.

MP 37 As the deer pants for the water

MP 111 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

MP 428 Lord for the years, your love has kept and guided us

Readings 1 Kings 19 v. 1-4, 8-15a.

Luke's Gospel 8 v. 26-39.

FUTURE SERVICES

May 5 Mrs Valerie Cooper with Holy Communion.

May 12 Mr Wilfred Rhodes.

May 19 Mrs Wendy Piccinni

MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group: Mondays 9.30 – 11.15 am

COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month

next meeting: May 14 at 2.15 pm

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m

next meeting May 5

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays 7.00 pm in Church.

MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly on 3rd Thursday

FLOWERS

Thank you for the lovely colourful flowers that I received last Sunday.

They are beautiful.

Bett Swierk

NOTICES.

WE GIVE A VERY BIG WELCOME

To our Southern Synod Moderator, Rev. Bridget Banks, who is conducting our worship this morning.

Rev Bridget Banks was formerly minister of our United Reformed Churches in Crawley. The Southern Synod covers Kent, Sussex and Surrey and her office is in part of East Croydon URC.

CHURCH KEY AUDIT

It's been a few years since a Key Audit has taken place. But this is necessary for insurance purposes and Safeguarding. Buildings must be kept secure at all times, and an essential part of that process is limiting the number of keys in circulation.

If you are a key holder, please indicate on the list at the back of the church which keys you hold. If you hold keys to more than one door please carefully consider whether you need more than one as your needs may have changed over time.

If you have keys you no longer use, please return them to me in an envelope marked with your name and which doors they are for.

It is very important that my list from 2020 is updated.

Wilma Smith - Hall Lettings Secretary.

THE VISION DESK

Will be unmanned on Sundays 12th and 26th May. This means that Hymns and Readings will not be displayed on the TV screens in church, and only a very basic YouTube stream will be broadcast. Hymn Books will be distributed as you enter church. Anyone who watches from home and would like a copy of Mission Praise to follow our singing, please get in touch with any of the Elders.

Ryan Thomas

PEGGY MOTT thanks all her friends at church for their cards and good wishes on her 90th birthday last Sunday.

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SOME SPECIAL LATE MESSAGES.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 - 18 May

A Christian Aid Quiz to be held Saturday 11th May
3.00 - 5.00 pm £5 with Tea and Cakes!!

Bett Swierk has more details.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE NETHERLANDS:

Hi, My name is Noa Jackson. I am a Dutch/English 20 year old Christian woman. I am going to start a Prop-Making and Special Effects Course at Northbrook College this coming September. I am in search for a place to live and a church I can join. I was wondering if there might be any congregants who are looking for a room mate or have a room that they want to rent out.

With lots of Love, Noa Jackson

ps. If you want to call me it is probably better to do it through whatsapp.

[p.p.s. If any one wishes to reply to this young lady, please let me know - I have her phone number and e-mail address.

Wilf Rhodes]

AND A MESSAGE FROM OUR MEMBER

GAYNOR ANDERSON - EASY:

One of our lovely Goring Little Fishes parents has cut down a swathe of hedging from the north fence of Church boundary. There is a pile of debris to go to the recycling. As there is a limit to the number of times you can go to the dump, it would be great if people from the Church could help out and take some (maybe for their own green bin?) or to the tip. Alan has left a builder's bag for ease of transfer. Thanks