

Goring United Reformed Church

A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 24th September 2023

Harvest Festival & Gift Day

We are here to Worship God

and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to all.

10.30 am Morning Worship : Rev John Jennings

Duty Elder: Mr Wilfred Rhodes

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.



PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

O God, open our ears to hear your word, open our minds to receive your truth and open our hearts to love others as you love us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY

Into your hands, Almighty Father, we commit ourselves this day. We ask you to use us in whatever ways seem best to you, for the conquest of evil and the carrying out of your purpose in the world.

TUESDAY

Through Christ, Prince of Peace, we pray for peace for all peoples on earth. Through Christ, King of Love we pray for love in our lives. Through Christ, Divine Healer, we pray for forgiveness of past wrongs and for Grace to make a new start for ourselves and for our world.

WEDNESDAY

O Lord I often feel that I have nothing to give; I am drained of enthusiasm, I lose confidence in my ability and insight. Then Lord, show me the richness of creation and your joy in what ordinary people can do.

THURSDAY

Dear Lord, help us to remember the good days, and while counting our blessings, we pray for your blessing on all those people who suffer so much in so many ways. Lord help them according to their needs.

FRIDAY

Thank you God for bread and for beauty, for life and for love, for Jesus Christ the living word of God.

SATURDAY

May God bless us and keep us today and always, and until we meet again may God hold us in the palm of his hand. 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:

Verna and Ray Elliott; Cath Findlay;
and Joan Finlay – still recovering from her broken hip due to a fall

SUNDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK: Harvest Festival

Welcome

Hymn 732 We plough the fields and scatter

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Readings from Genesis 1

Hymn At the dawn of your creation Tune : Blaenwern

A word to Young people

Hymn 152 For the beauty of the earth

Reading: "God's Grandeur" by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Reading Leviticus 25 V. 1 – 5

Message

Hymn The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof

Tune : Clarendon St.

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 786 Yes God is good

Blessing

FUTURE SERVICES

October 1st Ms Louise Gisbey & Elders [Safe in Sussex]
with Holy Communion

October 8th Mrs Linda Davies [M.A.F.] and Hilary Redman

October 15th Mr Wilfred Rhodes

**THE NEXT CHURCH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER AT 10.30 AM.**

BIBLE SOCIETY CREAM TEA

Thursday 19th October 2.30 pm at Emmanuel URC Worthing.

Tickets available from me. Please see flyer on notice board.

Christina Shearer

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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: October 10th

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 October 7th

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays 7.00 pm in Church.

MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly on 2nd Thursday

12th October at 7.00 pm with refreshments
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NOTICES.

GIFT DAY

Gift Day and HARVEST SUNDAY is today. It has been a very complex and challenging year for the Property and Finance Groups. With the Minister's departure the Manse is undergoing refurbishment in order to let. This will prove to be self-funding in about 3-4 months. In church some £5000 has been approved for windows in the Vestibule and roofs for the Choir Vestry and Cornwall Room. Pointing to the Main Hall is necessary. New Sanctuary Windows has been referred to next year. This is likely to cost £30,000.

The Finance Group, with the agreement of Church Meeting, have revised the Gift Day target figure down from £6000 to £3500. We are confident that your prayerful response will result in a level of giving inspired by the Lord, whose provision we always rely on.

God bless you all.

Matthew Smith – Treasurer.

The Treasurer and some other Members have indeed had a huge extra load put on their shoulders with the organising to let of the Manse. The Church is very grateful for the time and trouble they go to in the name of our Lord.

The Editor

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FROM THE OUTREACH GROUP

Next Sunday Louise Gisbey will be speaking to us about Safe in Sussex. Gifts in kind received today and next Sunday will be donated to that organisation. Louise will tell us about their work and how gifts help.

Items they have asked for are:-

UHT Milk; Sugar; Tea; Coffee;

Jam; Peanut Butter; Chocolate Spread;

Bed socks / Slippers (for women & children) Eye masks;

Journals; Nice pens for women.

All gifts will be very gratefully received.

Mary Redman – Outreach Group.

THE CHRONICLE

The Summer Chronicle is now available in church and on our website. Please remember that this is the final edition in it's present form from the present Editor. *Graham Redman*

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