

Sunday 3rd December 2023

WELCOME

Goring United Reformed Church



Communion Service
First Sunday of Advent

The Elders, led by Valerie Cooper
Duty Elder Caroline Hibbs

Notices

Pray

HYMNS AND BIBLE READING

MP 102 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
We Wait with Great Expectancy
We Have Heard the Distant Bells
Behold the Lamb
Psalm 25 1-10

DECEMBER SERVICES

Sun 3rd 15:00 Afternoon Tea & Carols
 Sun 10th 10:30 2nd Sunday of Advent: the Elders
 Sun 17th 10:30 3rd Sunday of Advent: the Elders
 Thu 21st 19:00 Carols by Candlelight
 Sun 24th 10:30 4th Sunday of Advent: the Elders
 17:30 Nativity Service
 Mon 25th 10:30 Christmas Day Worship

BIBLE QUOTE

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."

2 Corinthians 8 (NIV)



CHURCH HANDBOOKS

The new handbooks for 2023/24 are now ready for collection by the A/V desk in both A5 (large) and A6 (small) formats. However, if you would like the smaller version please let me know and I will make sure you get one as there are limited numbers printed.

Graham Redman

CHRISTMAS CARD

There is a communal Christmas card at the back of the church for anyone to sign, along with an optional charity donation box for Safe in Sussex.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: At the start of Advent pray for all those preparing activities to help in the celebration of Christmas; for the Nativity plays, concerts, parties and special services. Pray that the re-telling of the story may renew our faith and stir us to action.

Monday: Pray for all the young carers in our society and for those for whom they care and those who give support. Pray that they will have the opportunity to enjoy the joys of the Christmas season amidst their everyday duties.

Tuesday: As winter sets, in pray for those who have no home, no place of safety in which to live. Pray for those who seek to provide accommodation. Pray also for those who cannot afford to heat and eat. Think about how we can help them.

FAMILY

This week we specifically re following members and friend

LETTINGS

Wednesday: Pray for those who approach this season with trepidation, for those who face Christmas without a loved one, who have been bereaved during this year. Pray for all who give pastoral care to those in need.

Thursday: Pray for all those who are trying to alleviate suffering in various arenas of our world. Give them wisdom, patience and strength.

Friday: Give thanks for the release of hostages and prisoners in the conflict involving peoples from Israel and Palestine and pray that this may be a precursor to a more lasting peace.

Saturday: Pray that we may serve as best we can, our family, friends and fellow-man and to show our faith through our love and prayers for them.

PRAYERS

member in our prayers the
s:

Wilma & Matthew Smith,
Shirley & Malcolm Strudwick,
and Bett Sweirk

The Rowland Singers are holding a concert in our Sanctuary on the evening of **Wednesday 13th December**. They are supporting Children on the Edge charity and will be having a retiring collection. They would be pleased to see you, more information can be found on the flyers at the back of the Church.

Also here will be no AFM Prayer meetings held on Thursdays during the month of December, so no restrictions to the Sanctuary. *Wilma Smith*

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Our last meeting of this year is on **December 12th** at 14:15. We will meet in the East Transept of the church, and Val Gill and some of her friends will play Carols on their accordions. The sound will be wonderful! Everyone is Welcome! *Wilfred Rhodes*



Notices, Diary & Misc

SOCIAL EVENTS

Church Breakfast will be served next Sunday from 09:45 with vegan and gluten-free options as usual. *Outreach*

THIS WEEK...

Mon 4 th	14:00–16:00	Coffee & Cake
Tue 5 th	09:30–11:15	Table Tennis
	10:00–12:15	Safeguarding Zoom Meeting (Cornwall Room)
Wed 6 th	19:00	Bible Study
Thu 7 th	18:45	Elders Meeting
Fri 8 th	09:30–11:15	Table Tennis
	14:30–15:30	The Offington Bells (Main Hall)

... AND BEYOND

Sun 10 th Dec	Church Breakfast
Tue 12 th Dec	Table Tennis Tuesday Fellowship
Fri 15 th Dec	Table Tennis

BEHIND THE SCENES

Thu 15 th Nov	Gas safety certs received
Sat 25 th Nov	Church Meeting

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Christmas Services

Afternoon tea and carols
Sunday 3rd December, 3pm
Afternoon tea served after a short carol service

Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 21st December, 7pm
A traditional 9 lessons and carols service.
Refreshments served after the service

Nativity Service
Christmas Eve, 5pm
A fun service aimed at young children. Come dressed up as your favourite Nativity character. Including songs by the Puppet Club and our Brass Band.
Refreshments served after the service

Christmas Morning Family Service
Monday 25th December, 10.30am
A relaxed family service led by the Elders



KESTRO - WORTHING STROKE CLUB

Thanks to all who came to hear the Ferring Choir last week, supporting the club and swelling our numbers. Next Friday, 8th December, The Offington Bells are ringing at 14:30. Come and hear them ring and then enjoy a cup of tea. *Kestro*

Goring URC

We are here to

Grow closer to God

Support and encourage each other

Share the love of Jesus.

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