

# **Goring United Reformed Church**

*A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church.*



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# **WELCOME**

Our Church is OPEN today and -

**We are here to worship God and  
proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to all**

**Sunday 9th May 2021  
Christian AID Week**

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Rev Andrew Sellwood**

**Duty Elder :**

**Mr Wilfred Rhodes.**



## DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday:** This day and this week let us remember Christian Aid and the work they do in the far corners of the world. Especially at this time let us pray for the continent of India and the many people suffering due to the virus.

**Monday:** Father God, may we know that today we are not alone. May we know the strength and empowerment that comes from your presence with us. May we remember that when we do not feel your presence then are you even closer to us.

**Tuesday:** Tonight is new moon and as we look up into the firmament and marvel at the stars, we marvel at you, Oh God our Creator and Star-maker. "O Lord God, who are we that you have brought us thus far?"

**Wednesday:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thursday:** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Friday:** Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my saviour shall my heart rejoice. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

**Saturday:** Father, thank you for the church we call Home. We pray for all of us who look to our church each Sunday. Lord God make the door of our church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, but narrow enough to shut out all envy pride and strife. God make the door of our church a gateway to your eternal kingdom.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYERS. Amen

## **Church Family Prayers**

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

Mrs Joan Jenkin; Mr & Mrs Vic and Maureen Joy;  
Mr & Mrs Ray and Annette Knight.

## **NOTICES**

### **READINGS FOR TODAY's service : For Christian Aid Week.**

Readings:- Micah 6: v. 1 – 8

John's Gospel 15: v. 9 – 17

John's 1st Letter 5: v. 1 – 6

Hymns:- 152 For the beauty of the Earth

806 Beauty for Brokenness v. 1, 2, 4 with chorus after v.4.

506 How great Thou art.

**NEXT WEEK** May 16<sup>th</sup> our Morning Service at 10.30am will be conducted by our own minister, Rev Andrew Sellwood. All are very welcome.

### **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY by ZOOM**

Wednesday evening 12th May at 7.00 pm We will be studying chapter **16** of Acts of the Apostles. For an invitation to the meeting please e-mail Andrew.

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 – 16 May 2021**

Christian Aid are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

We are not able to raise funds as we normally do, but if you would like to make a donation envelopes will be available in church on Sunday. You can donate on line at [www.caweeek.org](http://www.caweeek.org) . .

From the sale of marmalade I have £60 to add to our church donations. Bett Swierk-Church Representative for Christian Aid

Our friend and Member, Giles Wilson, visited India with his then church Minister in 1987 and 1991 and has been in touch with that minister to ask if there is anything specific that we in GURC could do to help the awful situation concerning the Covid virus.

That minister contacted his colleague in India, and it would seem that the best way in which we in Goring can help is through donations to Christian Aid. Please bear this in mind when making your donations this week.

## OPEN WORSHIP

We are so pleased that our church can be open, but please remember to observe all the rules concerned with COVID: Stay apart, only chat outside, not inside, please do not congregate in the church or the vestibule; wear a face covering and sanitise your hands as you arrive.

If you have to stay at home, join us in worship by live streaming or recorded video-available with subtitles in the early afternoon. Visit our church website: [www.gurc.net](http://www.gurc.net) and follow the links.

## CHRONICLE

If you are able to write an article for Chronicle for our Summer edition, please send it to me as soon as possible, otherwise there will be no Chronicle until the Autumn. I have not received enough to print. *Graham Redman*

## TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Although Tuesday Fellowship does not normally meet in the summer months, the Committee has decided to hold two informal meetings each month in June, July and August. These will be held outside and we will all be suitably spaced out. This will initially be in Bobby's garden. Most of our members live alone, and this will give us all a chance for companionship and relaxed friendship.

For those who attend it will be their personal choice, and all will be very welcome. In September we hope to resume our meetings in the church buildings, and with some speakers, etc. *Bobby Hitchin*

## OFFERTORY

You will find the offertory plate in the Vestibule as you enter the church. We do value and need your donations, as with the lockdowns we have experienced there is a serious shortfall in our church finances. If you are in our envelope scheme then we are very grateful if you can keep up to date with them. If you are not able to attend church then our Treasurer Matthew is very pleased to receive your cheque.

Contributions for **Welcome**: E-mail : [welcome@gurc.org.uk](mailto:welcome@gurc.org.uk)

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