

Goring United Reformed Church

A joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 26th September 2021

HARVEST FESTIVAL & GIFT DAY

10.30am Morning Worship led by

Rev. Andrew Sellwood

Duty Elder today : Mrs Caroline Hibbs

Next Sunday at 10.30 Morning Worship with Holy Communion
led by Mrs Hilary Redman

We are very glad to welcome you here today - please come in -
take a seat and enjoy this place of worship. If you have never been here before
we would like to take a moment to say "Hello".

The 'Welcome' Team at the door will be happy to help you, and answer any
questions that you may have.

Please join us for refreshments at the back of the church at the close of worship
- and at least for the time being please remember to stay socially distanced

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

Today's Order of Service

Call to worship

MP106 Come you thankful people, come.

Prayers + Lord's Prayer

Reading- Deuteronomy 28:1-14

MP147 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness.

Reading- 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Sermon - The Harvest Challenge.

Prayers

MP229 Here I am, wholly available.

Blessing

* Continuing to Worship at Goring URC whilst Living with Covid - an update

There are no plans to change the way we are protecting ourselves from Covid -19 at the moment, probably not before Christmas. We wait on advice from Synod, so in themeantime please follow directions given by the Duty Elder and Welcome Team before and after the Service. ([Goring URC website](#) includes national URC advice)

Our Services continue to be live streamed and recorded on to our Website for later viewing: <https://www.gurc.net>

Today is Gift Day a message from the treasurer

As reported to Church Meeting we are presently forecasting a deficit of £15,000 for 2021, and are looking to a generous Gift Day outcome to offset this, and hope we can match last year's total of c £8,000.

Much of the deficit relates to work on the flat roofs at Church, costing £12,750, plus an unforeseen additional spend of £1,475 to be added to that figure, which will be explained at the next Church Meeting.

While we are gradually returning to normal Church life, there remains a lot of uncertainty for the future, particularly if Covid re-asserts itself and compromises our future Hall letting income. But we move forward in faith trusting in Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Our Provider) to meet our needs. It is for us to prayerfully consider what part we can play in His provision. Matthew Smith

A Prayer for each day of the week

Sunday: The harvest is in. The season changes, Lord of the fields and oceans to You we lift our praises today. We are blessed by Your provision for us everyday. Still there are many without, even though You have made provision for all - Show us, we pray how to share and play our part in this world of double standards.

Monday: We pray for all those who are involved in supporting the poor and the hungry, especially for those who are willing to open their homes and welcome vulnerable strangers in to live with them. We thank You that there are those able and willing to support the vulnerable in this way, giving both security and hope for future.

Tuesday: We are sorry that we do not always do what You have called us to do. We have been insensitive to the needs of others, closed our eyes and our hearts to those in need, and not taken opportunities to help. Lord open our eyes and our ears to see and hear what You see and hear. Lord may we respond with Your compassion.

Wednesday: Let us pray for the people of Afghanistan, living with real fear. We pray for the women prevented from going back to their jobs, for girls who are too old aged 10 to go back to school. Men and women unable to access their money for the daily provision their families. Many already starving do not know where to get bread. Lord may Your presence be known in this nation and the people saved from oppression.

Thursday: Lord we pray for parents who must decide whether their children should receive the covid-19 jab. Already making life's decisions about school work and the future, and the many responsibilities that go with living in 2021 we ask that they may be wise and knowledgeable in the face of choice.

Friday: A new day dawns, a new month begins. As the days lengthen we pray for Your Light to shine all around the earth. Your earth, Your Light, Your gift to us. Thank You.

Saturday: For I'm building a people of power and I'm making a people of praise, that will move through this land by My Spirit, and will glorify My precious name. Build Your Church, Lord, make us strong, Lord, join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son; make us one Lord, in Your Body, in the kingdom of Your Son. (MP151)

Church Family Prayers

We give thanks for those who were inspired to build a house of God here in Goring where this church family now worships. It opened 60 years ago this month.

Let us give thanks to God for His inspiration and provision.

Each week we pray for members of our Church Family - this week

Mrs Freda Flint, Mrs Margaret Gardner, Mr & Mrs Graeme & Val Gill, Mrs Do Goodchild

Whilst the Little Chapel prayer book is unavailable please use our on-line [Prayerbook](#) - where you can read requests for prayer and record your prayers for others.

Lord in Your mercy hear our prayers, Amen

Notices & Dates for your Diary:-

CHURCH MEETING - THIS WEEK - Thursday 30 September 7.30pm

TABLE TENNIS - Juniors: Every Monday at 6.00pm - Main Hall
Seniors: Every Tuesday at 9.30am - Main Hall

PRE-SCHOOL PUPPET CLUB - Tuesdays 1.30- 2.15pm. Bible stories, Craft, Singing, Puppet play.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP - 2.15pm - Catch up and chat together. Speakers: Eileen & Wilfred

AUTUMN CHRONICLE- is available in the church today, or online via the [church website](#).

ON-LINE DIARY - If you have a computer, do use our [daily diary](#) accessible from our website. See forward dates ie Andy Twilley - coming to speak to us on 21 October.

Preachers for the year, Tuesday Fellowship programme, Junior Church, Table Tennis - as well as plans as far ahead as Christmas.

Hover over, click or tap on an event, and more details will be displayed. Use 'Categories' to filter types of events; ie services, meetings, clubs etc.

SHOEBOXES - Donations for Family Shoe Boxes to Link to Hope during October:- sweets, chocolate, and/or donations of money towards the transportation of the boxes, (£3.00 per box). The closing date for all your gifts is 5th November.

There is still time to doanate towards September's collection -

for mum: Headscarf, Warm socks, Tights - medium, Tape measure, Gloves, Brush/comb, folding shopping bag. For dad: working gloves - medium/large, warm socks - medium/large, safety razors, DIY tool/screw driver set. If you wish to make up your own shoebox there are information leaflets at the back of the church for you to take.

<https://linktohope.co.uk> Thank you for all your gifts, Bett Swierk

THANK YOU - to all those who work in the background to enable our worship to take place each week. I don't think we realise the commitment it has taken through lockdown and since to provide preachers, music, vision and audio both in church and the streaming service for those who join us in worship at home. Thank you one and all. Valerie Cooper

Contributions for Welcome

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