

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

# Welcome

Goring United Reformed Church

Mothering Sunday

**Led by Revd David Hill**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



# NOTICES

## HYMNS

|      |                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 7    | All Creatures of Our God and King |
| 152  | For the Beauty of the Earth       |
| 1259 | Bless the Lord...10,000 Reasons   |
| 162  | From Heaven You Came              |

## READING

|    |                    |
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| NT | Acts 8:4-13, 26-40 |
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## CHURCH ACCOUNTS

As mentioned at yesterday's Church Meeting, due to a small discrepancy in the accounts our Church Treasurer Matthew Smith will now be presenting them for approval at the May Church Meeting, to be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm.

## INVITATION FROM SOMPTING URC

We are all invited to the Tenebrae service at Sompting on Maundy Thursday at 7pm. Hopefully some of us will be able to attend, please ask if you need a lift. We have invited them to join us at our Good Friday service. [Please note that this means that April's Praise Service will not be held. *Ed.*]

*Val Gill, Secretary*

## PLANT, BOOK AND CRAFT SALE

Advanced notice. We will be holding a plant, book and craft sale on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please start saving books to donate and, if you are starting to plant seedlings, please consider planting a few extra. Many thanks. *Outreach*

## BIBLE QUOTE

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you"

*Isaiah 66:13 (KJV)*



## CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY

*Ministry Among Women*  
Friday, 4th April, 9:15am - 2:30pm. Offington Park Methodist Church  
Speakers: Rev David and Mrs Sandra Hill:- 'This too will pass'. Ladies are invited to this day of worship, talks and fellowship. Cost: £7 including drinks - take your own packed lunch. See notice on board, or speak to Eileen Rhodes for a booking form.

## ONLINE PRAYER BOOK

This is a reminder to regularly look at the online prayer book. There are new entries as quite a few of our folk need our prayers. *Graham Redman*

# DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday:** Today as we give thanks for mothers and families we pray for all who find difficulty in family life. Help us to keep in mind divided families, the single, divorced, and those who were unable to have children.

**Monday:** Lord, in this period of Lent help us to draw near to you in praise, stripping away all that detracts us from worship.

**Tuesday:** Pray that we may cherish and nurture the connections we have, and seek reconciliation and healing where needed. Grant us wisdom and patience to grow in kindness, love and understanding.

**Wednesday:** Pray that your light will shine in our hearts and guide us through the challenges we face. We pray for strength and courage to remain faithful and hopeful, always trusting in you.

**Thursday:** As Jesus resisted temptation by the devil in the wilderness, help us reflect on his faithfulness to God, his rejection of worldly values and hold these thoughts in our hearts today and beyond. in our lives.

**Friday:** Lord, we pray for your guidance through the remaining days of Lent, encouraging us along the way. We pray that as we move forward to the darkest day, that you will not forsake us but remind us of our Saviour's ultimate gift and promise of new, abundant, eternal life for all who believe and trust in him, your precious Son Jesus.

**Saturday:** Pray that next week will bring peace and joy and a closer sense of your presence in our lives.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

We have used a different typeface in this issue of Welcome. *Atkinson Hyperlegible* was developed by the Braille Institute to be easier to read for people who are partially visually impaired. If you have any comments, please let me know.

*Ryan Thomas*

## FAMILY PRAYERS

Through the week we pray for all of those in our Church Family:

This week we particularly pray for: Valerie & Alan Cooper and Anna, Jonathan and Ruth



# DIARY & MISC

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## GORING URC

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



## APRIL SERVICES

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Hilary Redman (with Communion)             |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> | Revd Martin Knight (with Church Breakfast) |
| Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> | Maundy Thursday (at Sompting URC, 19:00)   |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> | Valerie Cooper (Good Friday, 10am)         |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> | Jonathan Cooper and Val Gill               |
| Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> | Revd John Jennings                         |

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

|                      |             |                               |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> | 14:00-16:00 | Coffee & Cake                 |
| Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 09:30-11:15 | Table Tennis                  |
|                      | 19:00       | Lent Group (at Val Berry's)   |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 19:00       | Lent Group (in the Sanctuary) |
| Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 19:00       | Elders Meeting                |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 09:30-11:15 | Table Tennis                  |

## ...AND LATER ON

|                      |             |                               |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 10:30-14:30 | All At Sea                    |
|                      | 19:00       | Lent Group (at Val Berry's)   |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 10:30-14:30 | All At Sea                    |
|                      | 19:00       | Lent Group (in the Sanctuary) |
| Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> | 10:30-14:30 | All At Sea                    |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> | 09:45-10:20 | Church Breakfast              |
| Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> |             | Plant, Book & Craft Sale      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May |             | Bring & Share Lunch           |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May | 19:00       | Church Meeting                |

## DENISE WOODS

Please remember in your prayers the family of Denise Woods, who died on Tuesday evening, 25<sup>th</sup> March. She was in her 94<sup>th</sup> year and will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her. The funeral will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at the crematorium, time to be advised.

*Hilary Redman, Pastoral Secretary*