

Goring United Reformed Church

Goring United Reformed Church, Barrington Road, Goring by Sea BN12 4EA

Find us on Facebook, Instagram and www.gurc.net



Church Secretary
Mrs Val Gill Tel: 01903 531069

Pastoral Secretary
Mrs Hilary Redman Tel: 260568



WELCOME

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

Sunday 8th September 2024

10.30am Morning Worship: Rev. George Butterworth
Duty Elder: Mrs Caroline Hibbs

Sunday 15th 10.30am service will also be led by Rev. Butterworth.
Our Sunday services are recorded to watch later: <https://www.gurc.net>

New Here?

Please pick up a 'New Here?' leaflet from the back of the church or visit our website www.gurc.net under 'Publications' on the top Menu.

Please email any contributions for Welcome to: welcome@gurc.org.uk
The editor for September 2024 will be Barbara Hillman

We are here to grow closer to God, support and encourage each other, and to share the love of Jesus

TODAY'S SERVICE: *Hymns and readings shown on our screens*

MP628 Tell me the old <u>old</u> story	Exodus 20: v 1-17
MP244 How good is the God we adore	Mark 2 v 23-28
MP2 A safe stronghold (Luther's tune)	
MP670 The strife is o'er	

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY *we remember this week:*

Mrs Barbara Thorpe, Rev. Tony Trevithick, Mr & Mrs Steve & Carol Webber.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: God of Glory we exalt your name, you who reign in majesty; we lift out hearts to you and we will worship praise and magnify your holy name.

Monday: We pray for children and young adults returning to studies now. For a smooth transition, especially those away from home for the first time.

Tuesday: We pray for those who have recently lost family and friends to illnesses such as dementia and cancer, may they find comfort in their grief.

Wednesday: I want to take your word and shine it all around, but first help me just to live it, Lord!

Thursday: We pray for the people moving into the new estate on Barrington Road, that they might find courage to come along and find out about us.

Friday: We pray for the war-torn areas of the world, many of which fall out the news when other things come along. That resolutions may still be found.

Saturday: We pray for Rev Butterworth as he prepares to lead us again tomorrow, that the right words be spoken at the right time.

REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY *More details can be found on-line at: www.gurc.net/diary, and please email any changes to diary@gurc.org.uk*

Mini Fishes – Mondays 9.30am Main Hall in Term-time

Coffee, Tea & Cake Drop-in & Warm Space - Mondays 2.00pm Sanctuary

Bible Study – Wednesdays 7.00pm Sanctuary, with Jonathan Cooper

Art & Craft Club – 1st Saturday of the month: 7th Sept. 9.30am Sanctuary

Tuesday Fellowship – 2nd Tuesday of the month: *see Notice below*

Mid-week Praise – 3rd Thursday of the month: 19th Sept. 7.00pm Sanctuary
Church Family Breakfast - Cancelled for September, back on 13th October
Church Meeting - Last Thursday of the month: 26th Sept. 7.30pm Sanctuary

CHURCH NOTICES

The table tennis group are looking for leaders to help keep it running. It's possible we have one leader signed up, but a minimum of 2 leaders are needed for church groups, so we are looking for at least one other person to help lead this group. Application forms are available at the back of church, on the board by the coffee trolley. Please ask Mary if you have any queries.

We commence our Fellowship afternoon on Tuesday 10th September at 2.15 pm in the Cornwall Room. Our speaker will be Iryana Tyazhkorob from Ukraine. All welcome!

The Rt Rev Timothy Dudley-Smith died in August, aged 97. A retired bishop, he wrote about 400 hymns, many of which we sing.

Our Harvest Festival Service will take place on 29th September this year. This family service will be led by Tom Hackett from Synod, who many of you may remember from his previous visits. We are looking forward to welcoming Tom back to Goring and sharing in this special occasion together.

This year, our Harvest Gifts will be in support of Safe in Sussex, an organization that plays a crucial role in our community. A list of items that are most needed by this wonderful cause is provided below. Your generosity will make a real difference to those in need.

Additionally, we are pleased to inform you that Kay Birch, a member of the team at Safe in Sussex, will be joining us on 13th October to provide an update on the incredible work they are doing. We hope you can join us for both of these meaningful events as we come together to support our community.

A5 notebook/journal - Pritt stick - Nice pens – Tea - Hot chocolate - Adult colouring books - Nice colouring pens - Insulated, lidded coffee cups - Liquid handsoap - New bedding sets (single bed for children or adults) - New towels - Vouchers for argos/boots/amazon - New fitted sheets (single size) - Mattress and pillow protectors (single size)

Monetary donations are also much needed.

Val Gill has been informed that Roger Wood will be our Interim Moderator, we worked with Roger as our Visionary Companion and look forward to continuing to build our relationship as we move forward.

Thank you to all who took part in the James Bible Study over August. I have heard some people comment that they have enjoyed it, and have been challenged by it. To help us evaluate how it has gone, I have put a simple form at the back of church. Could I ask you please to fill one in and pop it in the red letter-box. You can add your name or be totally anonymous, I would just like to gather people's thoughts before we do it again. Thank you, *Mary*

Mary is looking into the possibility of having a First Aid trainer come to church and train some of us in Emergency First Aid. If we get at least 5 people then we will be able to do this at church, rather than having to travel elsewhere. The course is run over a whole day (the day is TBC). The cost of the course should be no more than £100, and will get cheaper if more people attend. If, however, you are willing to use your newly acquired skills at church (maybe as official First Aider in a group, at an event, or for a Sunday morning service) then we would cover the cost of the course for you. As an official First Aider, you would need a refresher course every 3 years to remain certified. At the moment she is looking to gauge how many people are interested. If you would like to take this course, please email Mary. This is not a commitment at this stage, just an expression of interest. Thank you.

At our July Finance Meeting/Church Meeting Matthew reported a very complex Finance picture with issues arising from the Quinquennial Survey currently estimated at some £30,000 plus. In addition, we are still pursuing our options to replace the Sanctuary Windows where costs may exceed £120,000. While we have healthy reserves, we will be reliant on seeking funding from other sources, primarily Synod to meet these essential commitments. However, we have no way of knowing how much funding will be available at this juncture. Both Finance and Church Meeting agreed that it is appropriate to hold a Gift Day at Harvest on 29 September – I will make Gift Day envelopes available ahead of time. The agreed target is £5,000 – some £2,000 more than we achieved on our last Gift Day. Please commit this matter to prayer – we trust that the Lord will bless this event and your prayerful response.