

Goring United Reformed Church

A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 8th January 2023

First Sunday in Epiphany

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

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Rev Andrew Sellwood
Duty Elder: Mrs. Bobby Hitchin.**

**If you are visiting us for the first time we do Welcome you
especially. Please make yourselves known to our 'Welcomers'
and ask for a leaflet for Newcomers, with details of our church..**



SUNDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK: For 1st Sunday in Epiphany.

Theme: Nativity to Epiphany.

Hymn 749 What child is this
65 Brightest and best

Reading Isaiah 43 V. 1-9

Reflection

Reading Matthew 3 V 13-17

Reflection

1087 Lord, I come before your throne of grace

Reading Acts 10 V. 34-43

Reflection

708 To God be the glory

BLESSING

FUTURE SERVICES.

January 15 10.30 am The Elders

January 22 10.30 am Mr Wilfred Rhodes

January 29 10.30 am Rev Andrew Sellwood

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MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group: Mondays 9.30 – 11.15 am
Restarts 9th January

COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 1.30 pm – 4 pm.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 2.15 pm - 4 pm

Restarts 10th January with a New Years Gathering.

COFFEE MORNING Friday 13th January in support of
Breast Cancer Now

SENIOR TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15 am
Restarts Tuesday 3rd January

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 – 12.30 a.m.
Next meeting 4th February 2023

FLOWER PROVISION ROTA

There is a new flower rota in the vestibule. Please sign up to provide and prepare flowers for our Sunday services. This is an important Ministry as the flowers are always given to members of the congregation, and others, after the service and they are always much appreciated by those who receive them.

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Jesus said "Come, follow me". God invites us all to accept His invitation to breakfast on the beach, tea with Zacchaeus, and supper in the upper room. May we extend an invitation to those we know and love.

MONDAY

Jesus said "I go to prepare a place, and I will return". We pray for you to pour out your Spirit on us today as we face the challenges of the days ahead. May we look forward in hope and with a joyous heart to when your kingdom will be established here on earth

TUESDAY

Help us, Creator God, to continue to share our resources to meet the needs of the stranger, the refugee and those seeking sanctuary. We pray for the strength and courage to maintain our commitment to be a place of safety and to share your love with others.

WEDNESDAY

Holy Spirit of God – come and fill your church with your dynamic life-giving presence. Come and make your home within us and among us. Ignite our hearts with your divine love and with your compassion and concern for this world that is so lost.

THURSDAY

Holy Spirit of God, release your gifts among us, your people, so that together we may have all we need to be effective and fruitful. Empower us to take the Good News of Jesus out into our communities to bring transformation and hope. In Jesus' great and mighty name we pray. AMEN

FRIDAY

God who knows my secret pains and sees my unshed tears, may I take time to risk sharing the pain of those who grieve. May I take time to rejoice with those who are glad, and sense the moments for laughter or tears.

SATURDAY

Today my heart will sing. My feet will find a rhythm to dance. I will laugh and rejoice in the beauty of life, the wonder of existence, the gift of now. HALLELUJAH!

Church Family Prayers:

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

MRS. Sue Nicholls and Malcolm Nicholls, and their family.

Mrs Penny Norfolk

NOTICES.

FROM OUR GORING URC PUBLICATIONS MANAGER AND WEBSITE EDITOR.

Please remember to use our online Prayerbook

www.gurc.net/prayerbook Various items of prayer are regularly being added – it is hoped that our Prayerbook will be introduced back into the Sanctuary shortly.

Some of us are still not sending dates to our on line Diary – see below and consequently not everybody is getting to know about events. It's all about communication.

Graham Redman

FLOWERS

Many thanks to my friends at Church for the flowers which Giles brought home for me on New Years Day; a colourful display of roses and alstroemeria.

Rita Wilson

Thank you for the Christmas plant received from Church at Christmas. With my love to all at church.

Bill Marshall

CHURCH FAMILY BREAKFAST

Thank you to all the organisers of our Breakfast this morning. It is very much appreciated.

MID – WEEK PRAISE SERVICE

This will be held on Thursday 19th January; with refreshments.

CHURCH MEETING

This will be held in Church on Saturday 21st January at 10.30 am.

40 DAYS OF PEACE

Via the world wide Charter for Compassion, we pray for 40 Days of Peace starting on January 17 to February 28. Then 23 Days of Compassion Campaign in March, leading to the Golden Rule Day on April 5. This will be followed throughout the world.

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