

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 25th February 2024
Second Sunday in Lent

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

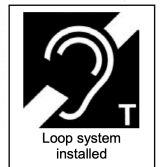
**10.30 am Morning Worship : Rev Kenneth Lynch
Duty Elder: Mrs Caroline Hibbs**

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.



**ABRAHAM
AND
ISAAC**

[SEE TODAY'S READING]



HYMNS & READINGS FOR TODAY

Hymn	R&S	52	The King of love my shepherd is
	R&S	21	The God of Abraham praise
	R&S	49	I heard the voice of Jesus say
	R&S	25	He comes to us as one unknown
	R&S	53	To Abraham and Sarah

Reading O.T. Genesis 17 verses 1 – 7; and 15 – 18
N.T. Mark 8 verses 31 – 38

FUTURE SERVICES

- March 3 Mrs Valerie Cooper with Holy Communion.
- March 10 Mrs Rosina Bayley: Mothering Sunday.
- March 17 Songs of Praise.

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MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group: Mondays 9.30 – 11.15 am
COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month
next meeting: March 12

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m
next meeting March 2nd

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays 7.00 pm in Church.
MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly on 3rd Thursday

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PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK – For Lent

SUNDAY

As we enter this season of Lent we are reminded of your unwavering love. Just as you placed a rainbow in the sky, as a sign of your promise, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for your faithfulness and mercy.

MONDAY

During this season we ask for strength to resist temptation, comfort in life's challenges, and a closer relationship with you in times of trial.

TUESDAY

As we journey with Jesus through his suffering, death and resurrection, may your Holy Spirit transform us into people of Hope and Grace, sharing your love with others.

WEDNESDAY

In this Lenten journey of self – reflection, we empty ourselves of distractions and worldly concerns, and pray that you will fill us with your abundant blessings.

THURSDAY

In moments of weariness and weakness, we find refuge in your sustaining Grace and we pray O Lord, for your empowering strength.

FRIDAY

Gracious God, we look for your Love and Grace to fill us completely, renewing and transforming us to reflect more of you. Fill us, O Lord, with your overflowing and refreshing presence.

SATURDAY

May your presence, nourishment and guidance be with us throughout Lent and beyond.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND MAY OUR CRIES COME TO YOU. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN

Church Family Prayers:

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

Barbara and Paul Hillman; Bobby and Mike Hitchin;
and Chris Howie (in hospital.)

NOTICES.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

This year's World Day of Prayer service – written by the Christian women of PALESTINE – will be held at 10.30 am on Friday 1st March 2024 [this coming Friday] at Ferring Baptist Church, Greystoke Road, Ferring BN12 5JL. Refreshments are provided after the service and all are welcome.

There is also a service at 2.30 pm that day at All Saints Church in Findon Valley

Susie Thomas.

KEITH MERRITT

We have heard from Keith's daughter Tracey that Keith has died. He and Jenny and his family were very well loved members of our church, before moving to the Durringtonj New Life Church.

His funeral will be held on March 6th at 1.00 pm at Worthing Crematorium.

EASTER EGGS.

The Outreach Group are planning to send Easter Eggs and an Easter book to the children at Little Fishes, and those staying in the Safe in Sussex refuge. If you would like to donate to this, please pass money to Mary Redman who will buy the books and eggs. Many thanks.

FLOWERS

Thank you friends at Goring for the flowers Wilfred handed to Giles for both of us as he left church last Sunday. A beautiful touch of spring colour

Rita & Giles Wilson

CHRISTIAN AID CHANGEMAKERS CONFERENCE.

This is to be held on 2nd March, Saturday, and I have registered to attend a screening of the above event in Tunbridge Wells and wonder if anyone else would like to come with me? Please let me know soonest. I shall be going there by train so should appreciate some company. My contact details are as follows:

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Many thanks.

Margaret Gardner

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