

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 26th November 2023
Sunday before Advent

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

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Rev Dr Janet Hopewell.
Duty Elder: Mrs Hilary Redman.**

**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.**



AUTUMN LEAVES

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK.

SUNDAY

Generous Father, you are the Source and the Giver of every good gift : of life, light and love; of peace, protection and presence; of time, treasure and talents; of faith, fellowship and fruitfulness.

MONDAY

Lord Jesus, I thank you that you are the bread of life and the fount of living water, blessing us abundantly day by day and generation by generation.

TUESDAY

Holy Spirit, open my mind, my heart, my hands to your mercy; and to the endless possibilities of your fruitfulness in my life.

WEDNESDAY

Lord, enliven me with your love; equip me for your service; and embolden me for your mission – today and every day.

THURSDAY

Open our eyes, Lord, to the needs of those around us: to the hungry and thirsty, the homeless and the hospitalised, the injured and imprisoned. Open our hearts to your love, and fill us to overflowing.

FRIDAY

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, that the things of earth may grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.

SATURDAY

You called your people not to take revenge or bear a grudge. Enable us to release past hurt, that we may be free from grudge. Enable us to release past hurt that we may be free from that which tethers us and burdens us. **YOU ARE THE LORD. 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:

Eileen and Wilfred Rhodes; Rita Roberts; Christina Shearer

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.

Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now.

You are not obliged to complete the work

but neither are you free to abandon it.

SUNDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK:

Hymn R&S 262 Crown Him with many crowns.

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Readings Psalm 93

John 18 v. 28 – 37

Thought for today

Hymn R&S 538 Teach me my God and King

Prayers

Hymn R&S 571 Christ is the King, O friends rejoice

Blessing.

FUTURE SERVICES

December 3 The Elders:- 1st Sunday in Advent

10 The Elders:- 2nd Sunday in Advent

17 The Elders:- 3rd Sunday in Advent

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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: December 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 December 2nd

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays 7.00 pm in Church.

MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly on 3rd Thursday

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TERRACYCLE The confectionery scheme has now ended.

Empty crisp packets can still be collected._

SAFE IN SUSSEX We would like to be able to send Christmas presents to the women and children in this Refuge again. Please see the board at back of the church for details. Take a gift tag and return to church by 3rd Dec. **NEXT SUNDAY unwrapped.** As always if you find it difficult to shop please let me know and I can buy on your behalf. Please note I would need to know by 26th November. **TODAY.** Thank you!

Mary Redman – Outreach Group.

NOTICES.

**Peace isn't necessarily the absence of trouble,
but the presence of Jesus.**

NOTE:A CHANGE TO OUR MISSION STATEMENT, AS DISCUSSED
BY THE ELDERS AND AGREED BY CHURCH MEETING**

SHOEBOXES

Ten Shoeboxes were filled with the donations throughout the year. An additional five shoeboxes were received from two individual church members. My thanks to those who have supported this worthy cause.

Bett Swierk

CHRISTMAS DECORATION

I am looking for Nativity figures that I might use in dressing our church windows. They should be more than 6 inches tall. If you are able to lend some please let me have them as soon as possible. Thank you.

Peggy Mott

Ray Knight and his daughter send thanks for flowers delivered. They were just the job, says Ray, as his daughter is recovering from major surgery. And Margaret and David Butcher send thanks for flowers delivered by Bett.

FLOWER ROOM: would church flower arrangers and distributors please return empty vases to the cupboards under the work-top in the Flower Room. Thank you.

Carol Webber

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