Goring United Reformed Church

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WELCOME

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



Sunday 7th December 2025

With HOLY COMMUNION

Morning Worship: Mrs Val Cooper Duty Elder: Mrs Caroline Hibbs

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 14th December 10.30am service will be led by Mrs Caroline Hibbs and the Elders, with Church Breakfast

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.

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

MP1267 Come people of the Risen King MP697 Thou didst leave Thy throne MP181 God forgave my sin MP180 God came among us

2 Samuel 11:2-12 2 Samuel 12:1-14

MP1157 Behold the Lamb MP393 Joy to the World

Our Sunday services are recorded to watch later: www.gurc.net

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY this week we remember:

Mrs Jane Bond, Mrs Margaret Budd, and Mrs Olive Bushby

DAILY PRAYERS

7 Sunday: Father, in this second week of Advent, keep us in perfect peace as our mind is stayed on the truth of your powerful love. Thank you for your mighty, sovereign hand. Help us to trust fully in you and rest in the peace that you offer.

- **8 Monday**: God of peace, we pray for peace in the land you love, the land we call holy: we pray that Palestinians and Israelis can find a just and lasting peace and security for all. We pray that violence might be rejected, and practical solutions found.
- **9 Tuesday:** Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for the people in Ukraine. Lord we ask for peace and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. For those who are injured and those who have lost loved ones.
- **10 Wednesday:** Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

- 11 Thursday: God Almighty, we pray for the people in the Caribbean that are still struggling in the aftermath of hurricane Melissa, those without safe places to live, with no power, sanitation and proper food. May help be provided to all very soon.
- **12 Friday:** Father God, Prince of Peace, place your hand over the countries in Africa in ongoing conflict, poverty, and famine caused by disaster, greed, fear and hate. Change hearts and minds of the people with the power to ease the suffering endured by so many for so long.
- **13 Saturday:** Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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Please remember to add your prayers to our On-Line prayer book' Use the Prayer Request Form in the Members Area.

We also have a Prayer board at the back of the Sanctuary by the Refreshments area, where you can add any prayer requests you have.

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REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY in the Sanctuary unless otherwise noted. More details can be found on-line at: www.gurc.net/diary

Art & Craft Club – 1st Saturday of the month: 9.30am

Bible Study Group – Every Wednesday 7.00pm with Jonathan Cooper

Church Family Breakfast – 2nd Sunday, 14th Dec. from 9.45am

Church Meeting – Every other month, Saturday 10.00am

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

Mid-week Praise – 3rd Wednesday of the month: 17th Dec. 7.00pm

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

Senior Table Tennis -Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am Main Hall

Tuesday Fellowship – 2nd Tuesday of the month: 2.15pm *see notices

NOTICES

Thank-you for the lovely flowers and the friendship of the people I have met at the URC whose support continues to be invaluable to me. Many thanks, *Margaret Budd*

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Christmas Tree Festival at St Michael and All Angels Church, South Street, Lancing continues today until 5pm only. Around 25 trees are there decorated by local schools, businesses and community groups. Admission is free but donations are welcome. The Service of Carol Praise is at 4 pm today when the top 10 carols will be announced and sung. *Ian Tout, organiser*

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TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP will meet on 9th December when Val Gill and her friends will be with us playing their Accordions. They make a wonderful sound. So come and listen: 2.15pm to about 4 pm. We meet this week in the Church.

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Our Carols by Candlelight Service will be on Thurs 18th December at 7.00pm in the church.

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Last Sunday we announced the death of our friend and church member Malcolm Strudwick. We now know that a celebration of his life and a service for Malcolm will be held at the crematorium on 22nd December 2025 at 4pm.

At Malcolm's request: wear colourful clothes - no black. No flowers but donations to Macmillan. Thank you, *Hilary*

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The URC News Update for December is ready to view on our website under the ABOUT section. Or directly at gurc.net/urc-news-update. Graham Redman

Please email any contributions for Welcome to: welcome@gurc.net
The editor for the rest of December will be Wilf Rhodes