

Goring United Reformed Church

A joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 19th September 2021

10.30am Morning Worship led by

Rev. Kenneth Lynch

Duty Elder today : Mrs Eileen Rodes

Next Sunday at 10.30 Harvest Festival and Gift Day
worship led by Rev. Andrew Sellwood

We are very glad to welcome you here today - please come in - take a seat and enjoy this place of worship. If you have never been here before we would like to take a moment to say "Hello".

The 'Welcome' Team at the door will be happy to help you, and answer any questions that you may have.

Please join us for refreshments at the back of the church at the close of worship - and at least for the time being please remember to stay socially distanced

We are here to worship God and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to all

Today's Order of Service

R&S180 Before the World began

Readings: Proverbs 31: 10-31 and James 3: 13-4:3 & 7-8a

R&S41 For the beauty of the earth

R&S569 We pause to give thanks (to the tune of Ye servants of God)

***Continuing to Worship at Goring URC whilst Living with Covid - an update**

Every month, it seems, there is new and updated information from Synod. In view of this the Minister has advised us to keep things the way they are at present until, at least Christmas.

-- The sanctuary will continue to have optimised air flow, and seating to allow social distancing options.

-- Please continue to use the offertory plate in the vestibule for your gifts, and the Hand Sanitiser as you come in, and please wear a face covering to protect others.

-- Remember to respect those who wish to remain socially distanced and leave church first, and while we enjoy refreshments.

-- Please follow all directions given by the Duty Elder and Welcome Team before and after the Service. (The Goring URC website includes national URC advice)

Our Services continue to be live streamed and recorded on to our Website for later viewing: <https://www.gurc.net>

From the Treasurer

As reported to Church Meeting we are presently forecasting a deficit of £15,000 for 2021, and are looking to a generous Gift Day outcome to offset this, and hope we can match last year's total of c £8,000.

Much of the deficit relates to work on the flat roofs at Church, costing £12,750, plus an unforeseen additional spend of £1,475 to be added to that figure, which will be explained at the next Church Meeting.

While we are gradually returning to normal Church life, there remains a lot of uncertainty for the future, particularly if Covid re-asserts itself and compromises our future Hall letting income. But we move forward in faith trusting in Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Our Provider) to meet our needs. It is for us to prayerfully consider what part we can play in His provision. Matthew Smith

A Prayer for each day of the week

Sunday: How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness, Our God reigns! Hallelujah. Help us, Lord to announce the Good News, to proclaim peace and bring happiness.

Monday: Let us rejoice in the Lord as we go about our daily lives. In the full knowledge that our Heavenly Father goes every step of the way with us. We may not see Him but He never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is our friend and our Saviour.

Tuesday: We pray for those who do not yet know You. We remember the work of MAF, and Wycliffe Bible Translators, and all those who proclaim Your love both near and far.

Wednesday: We Pray for the Shoebox Appeal, and for all who administer this aid. 'Link to Hope' supports "families in dire need" May our gifts help to bring Your Light and Hope to places where there is none.

Thursday: 'Back to school', back to the office, back to work, back to the 'new normal'. We pray for those who are confused, anxious, and depressed because of the presence of Covid 19 in the world. Help us, we pray, to manage our lives safely, to be kind and understanding to those we meet in the street, and in the shops. Lord we ask You to give us wisdom and keep us safe.

Friday: Today we give thanks for the activities we enjoy within the church family. Table Tennis, Stroke Club - Kestro, Junior Table Tennis, Tuesday Fellowship Junior Church Puppet Club. We pray too that our activities may extend into the community. We pray for the new initiative of weekday puppet club for little people. We pray too that there will be a future for the Ark.

Saturday: We thank You, Lord for the week-end, bringing a new opportunity for us to come together to worship You. Let us prepare in our minds and our spirits that we may come in love and humility. Amen

Church Family Prayers

Each Week we pray for members of our Church Family - this week

Mr & Mrs Ray & Verna Elliott, Mrs Cath Findlay, Mrs Joan Finlay

Whilst the Little Chapel prayer book is unavailable please use our on-line [Prayerbook](#) - a page where you can read requests for prayer and record your prayers for others.

Lord in Your mercy hear our prayers, and bless us as we prayer together.
Thank You. Amen

Notices & Dates for your Diary:-

HARVEST FESTIVAL and GIFT DAY – Sunday 26 September.

Please bring your harvest gifts of money to support the Food Bank, and your gifts for the Church Gift Day.

CHURCH MEETING - Thursday 30 September 7.30pm

TABLE TENNIS - Juniors: Every Monday at 6pm - Main Hall

Seniors: Every Tuesday at 9.30am - Main Hall

PRE-SCHOOL PUPPET CLUB -Tuesdays 1.30- 2.15pm. Bible stories, Craft, Singing, Puppet play.

KESTRO - Please note no meeting on 24th September.

BIBLE STUDY - led by Andrew on zoom - on hold for the moment, but will return at a later date. Watch this space

AUTUMN CHRONICLE- is available in the church today, or online via the [church website](#).

MARY CONNELLY - Following her stroke Mary has left hospital and is staying in Lindum House Care Home. Her own home is being prepared for her return and the 24 hour care she will receive. Please continue to pray for her and her family. Recovery has been slow.

SHOEBOXES - Donations for Family Shoe Boxes to Link to Hope during September are - for mum: Headscarf, Warm socks, Tights - medium, Tape measure, Gloves, Brush/comb, folding shopping bag. For dad: working gloves - medium/large, warm socks - medium/large, safety razors, DIY tool/screw driver set. If you wish to make up your own shoebox there are information leaflets at the back of the church for you to take. <https://linktohope.co.uk>

Thank you - Bett Swierk

THANK YOU - to all those who work in the background to enable our worship to take place each week. I don't think we realise the commitment it has taken through lockdown and since to provide preachers, music, vision and audio both in church and the streaming service for those who join us in worship at home. Thank you one and all. Valerie Cooper

Contributions for Welcome

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