

Goring United Reformed Church.

A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church.



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WELCOME

Our Church is OPEN today and -

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

Sunday 2nd May 2021

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Mrs Valerie Cooper-
with Holy Communion**

Duty Elder : Mrs Caroline Hibbs



OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS
IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH
CELEBRATE EASTER TODAY.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Here we start a new week and a new month, Father God, help us to rest in your peace and trust you to lead us into the unknown days ahead. We thank you that the virus is receding, help us to keep taking care.

Monday: Father God when we are frustrated with ourselves, when we cannot do the things we want to do, cannot meet the people we long to see, help us to put our hope in You and Your power to save us and to make us more like Christ.

Tuesday: Lord God, help us to be a new creation, no more in condemnation, here in Your Grace we stand. May our hearts be overflowing and our love just keep on growing as in Your Grace we stand.

Wednesday: Mighty God, with you nothing is impossible. When we seem to be surrounded by insurmountable problems and the way ahead seems to be impossible, may we remember that faith in You will help us move mountains.

Thursday: Lord God, be near to all young people, the vulnerable and confused, as in these days they are surrounded by doubt and uncertainty, difficulty in their education. Now that they are back at school and college may they have the motivation to work to catch up in the many lessons that they have missed.

Friday: Look in mercy, heavenly Father, on this troubled and divided world. Though we cannot always trace your footsteps or understand your working, give us grace to trust you with an undoubting faith. We pray for those nations that are struggling so much against the Covid virus. May the governments of the rich world be always prepared to help those of the poor world.

Saturday: God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God the Father bless me; Jesus Christ take care of me, Holy Spirit enlighten me all the days of my life. Lord be my defender and keeper, now and for ever, Amen

Church Family Prayers

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

Mr & Mrs Mike & Bobby Hitchin; Miss Chris Howie; Mrs Tania Hunt.

NOTICES

READINGS FOR TODAY's service :

Hebrews 11. verses 1-3, 8-10, 23-25, 32-33, 39-40

Hymns: MP 1040 Now is the time to Worship.

MP 32 An army of ordinary people.

MP 927 Shout for joy and sing.

NEXT WEEK our Morning Service at 10.30am will be conducted by our own minister, Rev Andrew Sellwood. All are very welcome.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY by ZOOM

Wednesday evening 5th May at 7.00 pm We will be studying chapter 15 of Acts of the Apostles. For an invitation to the meeting please e-mail Andrew.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 – 16 May 2021

Christian Aid are celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year.

We are not able to raise funds as we normally do, but if you would like to make a donation I will have envelopes available in church on Sunday. You can donate on line at www.caweek.org . There is also an online 'Quiztian Aid' on Saturday May 8th at 7.00 pm – go to www.caweek.org/quiztianaid for info'. From the sale of marmalade I have £60 to add to our church donations.

Bett Swierk - Church Representative for Christian Aid

ELDERS

Elders will meet via ZOOM at 7.00 pm on Thursday 6th May.

Don't forget to locally vote on Thursday.

OPEN WORSHIP

We are so pleased that our church can be open, but please remember to observe all the rules concerned with COVID: Stay apart, only chat outside, not inside, please do not congregate in the church or the vestibule; wear a face covering and sanitise your hands as you arrive.

If you have to stay at home, join us in worship by live streaming or recorded video-available with subtitles in the early afternoon. Visit our church website: www.gurc.net and follow the links.

Our Mobile App. Has had to be closed down because of increased charges. Not to worry though, as all church related interests i.e. Services, Welcomes, Management etc. can be found on that website.

If you would like a short cut icon on your home screen to access our website with one click or tap, and you have an Apple device please speak to me. For any other make of device please speak to Paul Redman.

Don't forget we are here to help so that you don't miss out.

Please note that the closing date for our summer Chronicle is THIS WEEKEND.

Graham Redman

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Ray Knight has decided to step down from the Property Group. On the Group's behalf, and that of the Church I would like to thank him for the incredible amount he has achieved in a short space of time. We will miss his energy!

He has organised surveys of the roof of church and halls, and the 'tidying up' of the boundary at the west of the church, in recent months

Ryan Thomas

OFFERTORY

You will find the offertory plate in the Vestibule as you enter the church. We do value and need your donations, as with the lockdowns we have experienced there is a serious shortfall in our church finances. If you are in our envelope scheme then we are very grateful if you can keep up to date with them. If you are not able to attend church then our Treasurer Matthew is very pleased to receive your cheque.

Contributions for **Welcome**: E-mail : welcome@gurc.org.uk

During May 2021 Editor will be Wilfred Rhodes.

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