

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Pentecost



**New Here?**

If you are new to Goring United Reformed Church please pick up a 'New Here?' leaflet from the back of the church or visit our website [gurc.net](http://gurc.net) under 'Publications' on the top Menu.

**10.30 am Morning Worship: Wendy Piccinini**  
**Duty Elder: Mrs Caroline Hibbs**

## **TODAY'S HYMNS & READINGS:**

Hymn – The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn – El Shaddai

Hymn – The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want

Hymn – He will hold me fast

Readings: Genesis 16 v 1-16; John 3 v 14 - 21

**NEXT WEEK:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May our Morning Service at 10.30am will be led by Rev Janet Hopewell.

Our Sunday services are recorded to watch later: <https://www.gurc.net>

## **REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY (unless otherwise notified):**

*For further dates or details, please refer to our on-line diary: [gurc.net/diary](https://www.gurc.net/diary)*

*Please remember to email [diary@gurc.org.uk](mailto:diary@gurc.org.uk) with all additions or changes!!*

**Mini Fishes** – Mondays 9.30am Main Hall

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

**Senior Table Tennis** -Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30am Main Hall

**Bible Study** – Wednesdays 7.00pm Sanctuary, with Jonathan Cooper

**Art & Craft Club** – 1st Saturday of the month: 9.30am Sanctuary \*See Notice

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

**Mid-week Praise** – 3rd Thursday of the month: but next is 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7.00pm

**Church Family Breakfast** - 2nd Sunday of the month from 9.45am

**Church Meeting** - Last Thursday of the month: 7.30pm Sanctuary

## **CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS**

Through the year we remember in prayer all those in our Church Family:  
Mrs Gaynor Anderson-Easy, Ms Marianne Barber and Mrs Rosina Bayley

## **DAILY PRAYERS** *for Pentecost week*

**Sunday:** On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

**Monday:** Let us pray for God's Spirit to lead us in the coming week, month and year - that we may follow his guidance for all that we do.

**Tuesday:** He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**Wednesday:** Let us pray for our members, family and friends who are or have recently been unwell - that they may know the Spirit's presence and be comforted.

**Thursday:** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

**Friday:** Let us pray for our leaders and governments, that they may let the Spirit move and receive his wisdom for the way to go for peace and prosperity for everyone.

**Saturday:** "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams... I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below"

## **FLOWERS**

Thank you to our friends in the church for the flowers Verna and Ray handed to us as we left the church on Sunday; a beautiful touch of colour. *Rita and Giles*

Thank you for the bouquet of flowers received on Sunday a lovely surprise. *Bett*

## NOTICES

Christian Aid - the amount raised so far: Coffee morning £78.50, Quiz afternoon £175.00 = £253.50. Thank you to everyone who came to support one or both of these events. *Bett*

Rev Roger Wood, our Visionary Companion, will join our Church Meeting on 30th May at 7:30pm. Please ensure that you come to hear what he has to say about the process for deciding our future.

Please note that the Art and Craft club will be meeting on Saturday 8th June instead of the 1st. I shall be on holiday on the 1st. *Caroline*

The trustees of Little Fishes will sadly be losing Rosemary Terry from our number at the end of June. At the moment, the constitution states we must have at least six trustees to run the group, which means we need to find a replacement. Please prayerfully consider if this is something you could do - or even just know someone else with a heart for children who may be willing and able to step in to help, even for a year, and speak to the Chairman *Paul Redman*, or any of the other trustees (*Susie, Gaynor, Bett or Barbara*) - Thank you.

The election of Elders this year will be held at the July Church Meeting. Five Elders are due to stand down. Caroline, Mary and Ryan have done two terms and not standing for re-election. Val Cooper and Val Berry have completed one term and are standing again.

Nomination papers are available in the Vestibule, and need to be returned to the Vestry or an Elder in the attached envelope by next Sunday.

Each nomination will need to be signed by a proposer, a seconder and the nominee will need to have been a Church Member for a minimum of one year. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate, and if approached please prayerfully consider your answer. If you have any questions about being an Elder, please do look at the notice board at the back of the Sanctuary or ask any of the Elders.

Contributions for Welcome: E-mail: [welcome@gurc.org.uk](mailto:welcome@gurc.org.uk)

The editor for next week will be *Graham Redman*

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