

# Goring United Reformed Church



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# WELCOME

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

**Sunday 15th October 2023**

**New Here?**

The Welcome Team are here to help, do please make yourself  
known to them!

**10.30 am Morning Worship:** Mr Wilf Rhodes  
**Duty Elder:** Mrs Rosina Bayley

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

As Geoffrey is away, our piano is played today by Miss Ruth Priestley

HYMN R&S 497 Give to me Lord a thankful heart.

HYMN R&S 85 God in his love for us gave us this planet

HYMN MP 366 Jesus is King

HYMN R&S 600 Christ is the world's Light

HYMN R&S 474 Brother, Sister, let me serve you

OT Reading: Ezekiel 37 v. 1 – 14

NT Reading: John 3 v. 1 – 21

**NEXT WEEK:** our Morning Service at 10.30am will be led by Jodie James. All our Sunday services are recorded for later viewing: <https://www.gurc.net>

## **REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

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

**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** – next: 11<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am Sanctuary (delayed a week)

**Tuesday Fellowship** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm

**Mid-week Praise** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month: 19<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm

**CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO CHURCH DIARY DATES** Please remember to send an email to [diary@gurc.org.uk](mailto:diary@gurc.org.uk) for all additions or changes to dates in the church calendar.

## **CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS**

Through the year we remember in prayer all those in our Church Family:

Miss Chris Howie, Mrs Tania Hunt, Mrs Joan Jenkin & Rev John Jennings

## DAILY PRAYERS

We pray this week for the crisis in Israel and Palestine amid the current escalating violence (taken from prayers used in churches across the country)

**Sunday:** O God whose heart must break in the midst of the ongoing violence and fear which prevails in your Holy Land. We pray for those injured in southern Israel, and those who are grieving their dead.

**Monday:** Lord, we raise the civilians in Gaza to you, and pray for those suffering amidst the Israeli retaliations. We pray for the protection of those who have been taken hostage by Hamas, may they know your ever-present help.

**Tuesday:** We pray for those in leadership in Gaza and Israel. May you guide them along the right paths. For an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call to you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

**Wednesday:** God, we pray that you open doors that allow food, essentials and medical supplies to reach those in need. May the UN helpers be able to do their best and stay safe in the turmoil.

**Thursday:** We pray for people around the globe with friends and family caught in the crisis. We pray for the communities outside of the Middle East caught up in troubles caused by its effects.

**Friday:** God, we pray for your wisdom and discernment to our global leaders and those who have the ability to impact the stability and future peace in our world, that such crises may become a thing of the past.

**Saturday:** We praise you our father, that you hold your children in your hands, and that your kingdom will prevail one day on earth, that death and fear will not be the end of all things, but your everlasting Love!

As you will know from Church Meeting, Mini Fishes is desperately in need of volunteers. One full time volunteer is needed from January, and a bank of people willing to step in to cover in cases of absence. Mini Fishes is our biggest Outreach venture, serving well over 40 families. It would be hugely detrimental to the church if it had to close. Please see Mary or Val G for more information. *Outreach*

SHOE BOX Donations wanted: Sweets and chocolate (in date until March 24); £3 Donation towards transportation. These are the last items for the shoe box appeal. Empty shoeboxes if you have them too. Thank you, *Bett*

Our booking at the North Star for the combined Ladies and Gents dinner has been confirmed.

Monday 6th November at 7.00 p.m. Please add your name and menu choice to the list at the back of the church. Any questions, please speak to *Val Gill*

The monthly newsletter from the Elders was circulated by email on Thursday 6th - if you have not received it please check your spam/junk folders or speak to Mary if you would prefer it in another format.

Bible Society Cream Tea on Thursday 19 October 2023 2.30pm, at Emmanuel United Reformed Church, St. Michaels Rd, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 4SD

**If you are new here 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.**

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