

Goring United Reformed Church

A Joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 17th September 2023

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

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Mrs Rosina Bayley
Duty Elder: Mrs Valerie Cooper.**

**If you are visiting us for the first time we do Welcome you
especially. Please make yourselves known to our 'Welcomers'
and ask for a leaflet for Newcomers, with details of our church.**



**DITCHLING
BEACON**

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Today we give ourselves to care for one another, as Paul cared for the church. Loving God show us the greater family of all your people on earth, and bind us together in love.

MONDAY

God, help us believe in both your clear and incomprehensible signs: in facing together what seems impossible, in forging communities of strength and purpose.

TUESDAY

God, help us believe in your just and healing love: in the power of loving forgiveness; in your offering of a new life. We believe in the liberation of God's people!

WEDNESDAY

Gracious God, let us all be partners in shaping the future with a faith that quarrels with the present for the sake of what yet might be [prayers from Taiwan]

THURSDAY

May the words you plant in us take meaning from our experience, and grow into faith. Give us hope as we in turn scatter your words among our friends, not knowing what will happen to them.

FRIDAY

Lord, we pray for those of us who run away from you, from the challenge of your words, from your demands of discipleship, from your love. Thank you for your persistence, searching us out with love.

SATURDAY

Lord we want to be like stained glass windows: the true beauty can only be seen when there is light from within; the darker the night, the brighter the light.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND MAY OUR CRIES COME TO YOU. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN

Church Family Prayers:

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

Jean Courtnadge; Ruth Covey;
and we remember Daphne Eames' family. She died on August 8th

Please also pray especially for Donna Potter, who has worked for Wilko for many years, and faces redundancy in October.
Also for Joan Finlay who has fallen and broken her hip (aged 103)

SUNDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK:

Hymn MP 237 Holy, Holy, Holy

Morning Prayer

Hymn MP 496 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer – Sung

Hymn MP 1261 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Reading II Kings 5: V 1 – 16

Message: Why are we here?

Hymn MP 705 Thy hand O God has guided

Blessing.

FUTURE SERVICES

September 24th Rev John Jennings : Harvest Sunday

October 1st Ms Louise Gisbey & Elders [Safe in Sussex]
with Holy Communion

October 8th Mrs Linda Davies [M.A.F.] and Hilary Redman

BIBLE SOCIETY CREAM TEA

Thursday 19th October 2.30 pm at Emmanuel URC Worthing.

Tickets available from me. Please see flyer on notice board.

Christina Shearer

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MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group: Mondays 9.30 – 11.15 am

COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month
next meeting: October 10th

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m
next meeting October 7th

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays 7.00 pm in Church.

MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly on 2nd Thursday

September 21st at 7.00 pm with refreshments
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NOTICES.

GIFT DAY

Gift Day and HARVEST SUNDAY will be held this year on 24th September. It has been a very complex and challenging year for the Property and Finance Groups. With the Minister's departure the Manse is undergoing refurbishment in order to let. This will prove to be self-funding in about 3-4 months. In church some £5000 has been approved for windows in the Vestibule and roofs for the Choir Vestry and Cornwall Room. Pointing to the Main Hall is necessary. New Sanctuary Windows has been referred to next year. This is likely to cost £30,000.

The Finance Group, with the agreement of Church Meeting, have revised the Gift Day target figure down from £6000 to £3500. We are confident that your prayerful response will result in a level of giving inspired by the Lord, whose provision we always rely on.
God bless you all.

Matthew Smith – Treasurer.

AFTERNOON HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

This afternoon at 3.00 pm. Followed by afternoon tea.
Please ask an Elder if you would like transport.

THE CHRONICLE

The Summer Chronicle is now available in church and on our website. Please remember that this is the final edition in it's present form from the present Editor.

Graham Redman

CHURCH PRAYERS

Please see our Church Prayers with special news of Joan Finlay.

From the CHARTER OF COMPASSION comes a few words found in the Talmud:-

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.
Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now.
You are not obligated to complete the work,
But neither are you free to abandon it.

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