

# Goring United Reformed Church



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# WELCOME

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**We are here to :- Grow closer to God,  
Support and encourage each other,  
Share the love of Jesus.**

**10.30 am Morning Worship : Mrs Valerie Cooper with  
Holy Communion  
Duty Elder: Mrs Valerie Berry**

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



**August 6<sup>th</sup>  
2024**

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## **HYMNS & READINGS FOR TODAY.**

MP 200 Great is thy faithfulness  
MP 782 Worthy, o, worthy are You Lord  
MP 1076 Jesus be the centre  
MP 127 Father, although I cannot see  
Bible Reading James 1 V. 1 – 4  
MP 770 Will your anchor hold  
MP 1087 Lord, I come before your throne of grace  
Peace to you  
Communion  
MP 988 How deep the Father's love for us.

## **FUTURE SERVICES**

August 11 The Elders led by Caroline Hibbs  
August 18 Wilfred Rhodes  
August 25 Maureen Clarke of Sompting URC

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MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group ON SUMMER HOLIDAYS  
COFFEE & CAKE drop-in afternoon – Mondays 2.00 pm – 4 pm.  
TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
next meeting August 13<sup>th</sup> in Bobby's Garden weather permitting.  
TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.30 am -11.15 Main Hall  
ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m  
next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> September in Church  
BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays 7.00 pm in Church.  
On James through August with Jonathan Cooper  
MIDWEEK PRAISE SERVICE Monthly on 3rd Thursday

As you can see from page 1 Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>  
is an international Nuclear Prayer Day.  
Pray this prayer that has been sent throughout  
the world.

On this day an annual Gorbachev / Shultz  
Youth Award will be made.  
URI = United Religions Initiative.

## **PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

THOUGHTOUT THE WEEK all of us taking part in the Study of James' Letter please pray for the leaders and organisers of the Study, the preachers for this month, and for all of us; that we may gain more knowledge. With knowledge more understanding, and with understanding wisdom – for we all need wisdom.

**In Happy moments – PRAISE GOD.**

**In difficult moments - SEEK GOD.**

**In quiet moments - WORSHIP GOD.**

**In painful moments - TRUST GOD.**

**In every moment - THANK GOD.**

### A Nuclear Prayer

The Beginning and the End are in your hands, O Creator of the Universe.  
And in our hands, you have placed the fate of this planet.

We, who are tested by having both creative and destructive power  
in our free will, turn to you in sober fear and in intoxicating hope.

We ask for your guidance and to share in your imagination in our  
deliberations about the use of nuclear force.

Help us to lift the fog of atomic darkness that hovers so pervasively  
over our Earth, Your Earth, so that soon all eyes may see life  
magnified by your pure light.

Bless all of us who wait today for your Presence and who  
dedicate ourselves to achieve your intended peace and  
rightful equilibrium on Earth.

In the Name of all that is holy and all that is hoped.

Amen.

## **Church Family Prayers:**

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

Mary & Paul Redman, Chloe & Nathan;

Hilary & Graham Redman.

Please continue to pray for the future of our church as we move forward to the next phase of finding a new minister (as outlined at Church Meeting)

## NOTICES.

### ST.MARY'S BROADWATER CHURCH.

Have invited us to a "Tea and Tour" afternoon on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2 – 4 pm. This is of special interest following the recent talk to Tuesday Fellowship by Dr Rob Ferguson.

*Eileen Rhodes.*

There will be a leaflet about our "Church on the Corner" going in the Welcome Pack for the new residents of the Elizabeth Square estate on Barrington Road. This will include information about services and activities happening in the church. Please pray that it will have a good reception among the people who move in there over the coming months.

### **August Devotional : Study of James' Letter**

Born out of various Elders' training sessions, we have been led by the Spirit to draw the congregation together by using a month of devotions on the book of James. We will be following a book designed to give you a reading every day during this month. Our Sunday Services will draw on this and help us to think about what we are reading. There will be an opportunity to join discussion groups, either in person or on WhatsApp. It's not necessary to take part in everything, but we hope we will all come together with the reading. First step will be to fill in a short form registering your interest in various parts of this event, available online at: <https://forms.gle/H7nrMfAxFxLmV9BT8> Mary has the study books if you have not already got yours. You can see one

here: <https://uk.10ofthose.com/product/9781783595235/james-paperback> (don't buy it here – we've a bulk discount!) Don't let cost put you off, we are asking for donations for the books, which can be made anonymously; if you can't afford the full price then that's ok. We are really looking forward to this opportunity to delve into the Bible together. If you have any questions, please direct them to Mary. **The study has already started, there are two groups: Monday Mornings at 10.00 am in Church; and Wednesday evenings at 7.00 pm in church. It is still not too late to join either group. It would be very good to have everyone involved together .**

*The Elders.*

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