

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 14th July 2024

**LOOKING FOR
PEACE?**

JESUS SAID:

**COME TO ME ALL
WHO LABOUR & ARE
HEAVY LADEN &
I WILL GIVE
YOU REST**

MATTHEW 11:28

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 under 'Publications' on the top Menu.

**10.30 am Morning Worship: Rev. Roger Wood
Duty Elder: Mrs Valerie Cooper**

TODAY'S HYMNS & READINGS:

Hymn 411 - Let there be love
Hymn 32 - An army of ordinary people
Hymn 54 - Bind us Together
Hymn 31 - Amazing Grace
Hymn 33 - And can it be

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Colossians 4:2-6

2 Corinthians 13:4-9 & 11
Ephesians 4:29-32 and 5:1-2

NEXT WEEK: Sunday 21st July our Morning Service at 10.30am will be led by Rev David Hill.

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 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: 3rd August 9.30am Sanctuary

Tuesday Fellowship – 2nd Tuesday of the month: over the summer in
Bobby's garden, weather permitting

Mid-week Praise – 3rd Thursday of the month: 18th July 7.00pm

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

Church Meeting - Last Thursday of the month: 25th July 7.30pm Sanctuary

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

Through the year we remember in prayer all those in our Church Family:
Shaune King, Sue Mitchell, Peggy Mott, Sue Nicholls and Penny Norfolk

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Be thankful for all that has been, and trustful for all that is to come. Pray today for Roger Wood and our church leadership taking our service and that they will follow God's guidance.

Monday: I believe in the sun, even if it does not shine. I believe in love, even if I do not feel it. I believe in God, even if I do not see Him! Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, if I just recognise it.

Tuesday: Pray for the young people having done exams or just moving on to new schools in the autumn. May God bless the next chapters of their lives, and they may know the way to go.

Wednesday: Pray for the parents having to juggle work with children being home for the summer holidays. May God give them strength to make the right decisions on what to do.

Thursday: God must have loved us, I say, when I see, summer bursting out in each flower and tree. The sun on my back, getting warmer each day, the promise of harvest getting on it's way. Though I know in this world, there is much that's amiss - I know HE must love us to give us all this.

Friday: Pray for those elderly in our community who are becoming frail and facing decisions as to whether they can stay at home or need care. May God give them peace and compassionate families to understand what is best for them at this time of life.

Saturday: Oh blessings for the gift of hands - hands that can work in many a way: fashion wood, drive cars, and play. Hands that can heal, hands that can hold - Give us helpful hands for doing good in tasks God meant us to do.

NOTICES

A reminder about the Praise Service on Thursday evening, if you enjoyed the recent Songs of Praise Service at GURC, then do come along!

A reminder that 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.

Borne out of various training sessions the Elders have received recently, we have been led by the Spirit to draw the congregation together by using a month of devotions on the book of James in August this year.

We will be following a book designed to give you a reading every day during August. The services during the month will draw on this book and help us to think about what we are reading. There will also be an opportunity to join discussion groups, either in person or on WhatsApp.

It is not necessary to take part in everything, but we hope that we will all come together with the reading. The 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/H7nrMfAxFLmV9BT8> or on paper at the back of the church. Please return any paper copies to one of the Elders. Mary will hand out books in the next few weeks. There is one available today near the forms if you wish to have a sneak preview, or you can see it here:

<https://uk.10ofthose.com/product/9781783595235/james-paperback>
(Don't buy it here – we've got 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 okay. 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 Elders

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

The editor for July will be Barbara Hillman

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