

Sunday 4th-February 2024

Welcome

Goring United Reformed Church

Communion Service

Led by Hilary Redman

Duty Elder Matthew Smith



HYMNS AND BIBLE READING

- MP 564 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
OT *Isaiah 40:28–31*
- MP 403 *Let All the Earth Hear His Voice*
NT *Mark 1: 29–39*
- MP 187 *God Is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him*
- MP 64 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*
- MP 449 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BIBLE QUOTE

"I beg you... bear with one another in love."
World Day of Prayer, from Eph. 4:1–2 (NRSV)

SONGS OF PRAISE

It has been suggested that we have a 'Songs of Praise' service when the whole congregation could take part bringing their favourite songs and hymns, readings from the Bible or poems etc. Perhaps some would like to give their testimonies. The 17th March this year has been suggested so there is plenty of time to consider the idea. As I am sure you can understand it has become quite hard to fill the preaching slots as many ministers have retired and lay preachers are working hard in their own churches. We are however blessed with our own lay preachers who work hard for us and for other local churches.

Please let me know what you would like to hear, whether you would like to announce your choices, and say why you chose the item. *Caroline Hibbs*

BIBLE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Bible Sunday and our speaker will be Mary Stewart who will talk to us about the work of the Bible Society. It is also Racial Justice Sunday with much information about this on the internet.

Wilfred Rhodes

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Pray that at the start of a new month we remind ourselves that ours is a love-based faith and that we should pray earnestly for the war-torn areas of our world, for our country and town, and for our church here in Goring.

Monday: Give thanks for our Mission of Flowers - for those who provide them and those who deliver them. Also ask for Your blessing on the recipients.

Tuesday: Pray for all those celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other happy occasion and give thanks for the happiness shared with others.

Wednesday: Lord, we ask that by following You we may think differently, communicate differently and act differently and in doing so better fulfil Your commandments.

FAMILY

This week we specifically remember
Jean Courtinade, Ruth

Thursday: In a week which recognises 'Safer Internet Day' pray that this incredible invention will be used for great good. Pray for those who develop it and those who use it. May it be a vehicle for good rather than evil.

Friday: Pray for those working in the health sector in any way and for those with responsibility for the health of others. Give us the discipline to look after this wonderful creation (and according to St. Paul, God's temple) which is your own body.

Saturday: Pray with thanksgiving for all those tasked with leading our worship Sunday by Sunday. In particular we give thanks for the contribution made by our Elders and not forgetting the musical support of our organist and the technical support for sight and sound.

PRAYERS

ember in our prayers:
Covey, and Ray & Verna Elliott

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer service - written by Christian women in Palestine - will be held at 10.30am on Friday 1st March 2024.

Ferring Baptist Church
(Greystoke Road, Ferring, BN12 5JL)

Refreshments provided afterwards. All are very welcome! There is also a service at 2.30pm that day - at All Saints Church in Findon Valley.

Susie Thomas

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 19:00. It is informal and each session is standalone – there is no need to have been before. Speak to *Jonathan Cooper* for more information.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Do Goodchild's granddaughter, Hannah, has booked the Sanctuary for Do's memorial/thanksgiving service in our Church on Saturday 24th February at 2pm. There are about 20 family attending and they have extended an invitation to all Do's friends at Church and would be pleased to see you. After the Service we will be serving teas/coffees and the family will be bringing biscuits and cakes.

So with this in mind they have asked for a rough idea of numbers. If you think you will be attending could I ask you to pop your name on the list at the back of the Church please. This will enable me to pass rough numbers back to the family.

Wilma Smith

Notices, Diary & Misc

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sun 11 th	10:30	Wilfred Rhodes, with Mary Stewart, <i>Bible Society</i>
Thu 15 th	19:00	Praise Service
Sun 18 th	10:30	Stuart Dew
Sun 25 th	10:30	Revd Kenneth Lynch

THIS WEEK...

Mon 5 th	14:00–16:00	Coffee & Cake
Tue 6 th	09:30–11:15	Table Tennis
Wed 7 th	19:00	Bible Study
Fri 9 th	09:30–11:15	Table Tennis

... AND BEYOND

Sun 11 th Feb	Church Breakfast
Mon 12 th Feb	Coffee & Cake
Tue 13 th Feb	Table Tennis
"	Tuesday Fellowship
Wed 14 th Feb	Bible Study
Thu 15 th Feb	Praise Service
Fri 19 th Feb	Table Tennis
Sat 24 th Feb	Church Meeting
"	Memorial Service for Do Goodchild
Sat 2 nd Mar	Craft Group

BEHIND THE SCENES

1 st Feb	Elders Meeting
3 rd Feb	Elders attend final LICC Learning Hub

SOCIAL EVENTS

Church Breakfast continues next Sunday. As usual we will start serving at 09:45 and finish at 10:20. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a bacon butty, please invite them along.

Outreach Group

PRAISE SERVICE

The Praise Evening is on Thursday 15th February at 19:00. We will once again be praying for our Church. It is an informal hour or so beginning with tea or coffee. Everyone welcome.

Val Cooper

ST. MICHAEL'S, LANCING

St Michael and All Angels will be holding a Celebration of Marriage on Sunday 11th February at 16:00. This is part of their Centenary Celebrations. Couples will be able to renew their marriage vows, give thanks for their marriage and sing favourite wedding hymns. Tea and cake will be served after. Everyone is welcome, it is not just restricted to couples married there. RSVP to office@chalkspringchurches.org 01903 750286

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Grow closer to God

Support and encourage each other

Share the love of Jesus.

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