

WHY MEMBERSHIP?

You may recently have moved to Worthing and are looking for a spiritual home. You like it here and want to stay.

You may have been coming to this Church for a number of years and are now exploring Church Membership.

Somebody has approached you and they have either given you this leaflet, or you have picked it up yourself.

You may be a regular worshipper here and have been for many years, and you believe therefore that you are already a member. This may or may not be true, if it is not true then you may wish to ask yourself the question, 'why am I not a member?'

Members are marked as such in our Handbook.

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Church membership is not like being a member of a club, it carries with it a commitment and a responsibility. Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?

You will need to affirm your faith in Him. We are here to worship Jesus Christ our Lord and to share His love with others in our community.

Having said that, it doesn't mean that we cannot enjoy ourselves. Jesus Christ wants us to be joyful in His work, we therefore have many other activities during the week. www.gurc.org.uk/chronicle



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WHO TO SPEAK TO NOW?

You should speak to either our Church Secretary Val Gill or - our Pastoral Secretary Hilary Redman

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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Other leaflets in the series: -

1. New Here ? (About Us),
2. Baptisms,
4. Weddings,
5. Funerals

- or see more on our Website

<https://gurc.net>

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Some say that you don't have to be a member of the church to be a Christian; true, but it is much harder to be one on your own. It is good to belong to the Church Family - the family of God - we all need the Church, and the Church certainly needs each one of us. We also need one another.

'I am not good enough to be a member.'

We have all heard this said before, in truth none of us is perfect and that is why we come to Church to seek God's guidance through our worship, Bible reading, prayers and in singing praises.

Membership requires a commitment, and as a member you will be expected to attend church services regularly, and to attend Church Meeting. Church meetings are held in January, March, May, July, September and November on the last Thursday of the month.

To become a member of the Church you will need to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ, to love Him or a desire to love Him and to get to know Him more.

You may find that after a time you are asked to serve the Church in other ways too. Duties, Groups and maybe Eldership.

The Church meeting is the authority for all of the local Church affairs. Goring URC works closely with other Christian Churches of other denominations in the neighbourhood.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe in one God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Bible is our guide book for our daily living.

Holy Communion, also known as The Lord's Supper is shared regularly.

Our Mission Statement is printed opposite.

DO I NEED TO BE BAPTISED?

We expect people to be Baptised, only once and not necessarily in the United Reformed Church but with any Christian denomination. In the United Reformed Church we have two alternative forms of Baptism, - infants and adults as believers.

Like to know more about Baptism in this Church? Then pick up, or download the leaflet 'Baptisms & Dedications'

WHAT NEXT?

If what you have read interests you, and you wish to know more about membership of Goring URC, please speak to the Minister, Church Secretary or one of the Elders, who will provide you with further information. They, with the minister, will help you decide on the next step for you to take.