

Goring United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 17th August 2025

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

**10.30 a.m. Morning Worship: Mr Laurie Mellor
Duty Elder: Mrs Caroline Hibbs**

**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.**



**SOUTH
DOWNS
FROM
ANGMERING**

FUTURE SERVICES

August 24 Mrs Valerie Cooper
August 31 Rev Julian Thomas from Chichester
September 7 Rev Roger Wood, Interim Moderator, with
Holy Communion. Induction of Elders.

WHAT'S ON

MINI FISHES – Baby & Toddlers Group Mondays 9.30 am in Term time

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

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP – Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month
September 9th in the Cornwall Room.

TABLE TENNIS Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 am -11.15 Main Hall

ART & CRAFT CLUB 1st Saturday in the month : 9.30 -12.30 a.m
next meeting only September 13th in Church

BIBLE STUDY Weekly on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in Church.

NEXT

CHURCH MEETING SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER at 10.00 am

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Thank you for Your church Lord, and for the privilege and freedom to worship and walk together with Your people.

MONDAY

Because I am Yours, Lord Jesus, I will never be alone again. You are with me, and I am with You. I am so grateful. Amen.

TUESDAY

When I was lost, You found me, and brought me home. In my weakness You are my strength. Thank you Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

Lord, help me to think clearly, choose wisely and live faithfully, even when I am challenged on every side.

THURSDAY

Uproot any root of bitterness that is in me, O God. Save me from the rage that bitterness breeds. Amen.

FRIDAY

Today, I have the gift of life, Lord Jesus. I give You thanks. Help me to relish the moment. Amen.

SATURDAY

Today I make myself available to be source of strength to someone, Father. Guide my steps. Amen.

Church Family Prayers:

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

Cath Findlay; Margaret Gardner;
Valerie and Graeme Gill and their family.

Ecumenics of a crisis

During a recent gathering of local faith leaders, the church caught fire.

The Methodists gathered in the corner and prayed.

The Baptists cried, "Where is the water?"

The Anglicans formed a procession and marched out.

The Quakers silently praised God for the blessings that fire brings.

The Lutherans posted a notice on the door declaring the fire was evil.

The Roman Catholics passed the plate to cover the damage.

✓ The Jews posted symbols on the door hoping the fire would pass over.

The Congregationalists shouted, "Every man for himself!"

✓ The Fundamentalists proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of God!"

✓ The Charismatics praised God for another falling of the Holy Spirit.

✓ The Christian Scientists concluded that, actually, there was no fire.

✓ The Presbyterians appointed a chairperson who was to appoint a committee, to

✓ look into the matter and submit a written report.

✓ The secretary grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.

NOTICES

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

15 Members of the Fellowship met last Tuesday in our Main Hall and were shown part of the most amazing collection of bicycles and tricycles we, or anyone else, has ever seen. Our Church Secretary, Val Gill had arranged for her family [Husband Graeme, daughter, and two grandsons] to bring in two 'vans' and a trailer some of their collection. I have to say that everyone else at church have missed a sight that they will never see anywhere else! Our Fellowship is very grateful for the time and expertise the Gill family gave to showing us the display.

Wilf Rhodes.

CRAFT GROUP

Please Note: the Art & Craft Group will meet on September 13th because the sanctuary will be hosting an Elders' Day on the 6th.

Caroline Hibbs

PRAISE AND BIBLE STUDY.

The last Thursday Praise evening will be on Thursday 21st August, and will include Holy Communion. Do come at 7.00 pm to join us. In September the Praise evening will be incorporated with the weekly Wednesday Bible Study, again starting at 7 pm with refreshments. The first meeting is on Wednesday 17th September.

Valerie Cooper

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR BILL MARSHALL

will be held on Monday 18th August at 2.00 pm. It will be led by Rev Joe Davis at the Gordon Chapel (Ian Hart), 20 Sompting Rd., Worthing BN14 9EP. Bill's family invites all who knew him to join with them at the service and afterwards at the Heene Centre.

The Family would like to thank all at church for their support and friendship over many years – since 1960!

CHURCH HIRE

Please remember that the Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage Group will be living on our premises from August 18 to 20. That's Monday to Wednesday. Please avoid coming onto our premises during that time.

Wilma Smith – Hall Hiring Secretary

HANDBOOK

NB. Jane Bond has changed her e-mail address. It will appear in the new Handbook later this year but can be seen in the website version of the Handbook.

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