

Goring United Reformed Church

A joint Pastorate with Sompting United Reformed Church



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WELCOME

Sunday 15th August 2021

10.30am Morning Worship: Rev Andrew Sellwood

Duty Elder today : Mrs Val Gill

We are very pleased to welcome you here today. Do come in, take a seat and enjoy this place of worship. If you are with us for the first time, we would like a moment to say "Hello". Our Welcome Team at the door will be happy to help you, and answer any questions you may have.

Please join us for refreshments at the back of the church at the close of worship; and at least for the time being, please remember to stay socially distanced.

We are here to worship God and proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to all

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday: Father God, this day we pray for our church, for your people gathered together, for those who through music, technology, the spoken word and the illustrated word make our worship worthy of you, our God.

Monday: Righteous and Mighty Lord, Creator of such a diverse world, we thank you for your steadfast love for all colours and tribes of humanity. We thank you for your age-old promise that you will be faithful to us if we will be faithful too.

Tuesday: Father God we pray that you will live in and through us, so that we may live in and through you; so that others might be attracted to you through our example.

Wednesday: O Father we have been influenced by many wonderful people though our lives. We thank you for them and the inspiration that they have been to us. May we too be an inspiration to others especially to the younger corners of our families.

Thursday: We want to be grounded in Your word, nourished in Your friendship and rooted in Your love. As Billy Graham said – we are the Bibles that the word reads when they are not reading the actual text. May we live up to that high calling.

Friday: O God, for those moments when the barrier between heaven and earth falls away and we are touched by your fire; when we know what to say and how to say it; we thank you. May we experience it again and again!

Saturday: At the close of this week, God the Father bless us; Jesus Christ take care of us; Holy Spirit enlighten us all the days of our lives. O Lord be our defender and keeper, now and for ever, and through all ages.
Amen.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY HEAR ALL OUR PRAYERS.

Church Family Prayers

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

Mrs Valerie Berry; Mrs Jane Bond and her family;
and Mr Gordon Brunton

Whilst the Little Chapel prayer book is unavailable, please use our on-line prayer book- a page where you can read requests for prayer and record prayers for others.

DIARY DATES & NOTICES

COVID UPDATE.

In our meeting last Thursday the we discussed our worship while living with Covid. Uncertainty about masks leads us to say that wearing them is voluntary, but we are encouraged in both government and URC guidance. Wearing masks is encouraged during the service and whilst singing. We will continue to optimise air flow through the Sanctuary. We will arrange the seating to allow closer contact where required. We will provide the hand sanitiser to be used on entry to the church. Please use the offertory plate which will be in the vestibule for your gifts. We encourage the use of face masks, as above. We encourage awareness of the benefits of social distancing for everyone.

Please meet outside to talk together etc., weather permitting, and respect other's social distancing while taking refreshments. You will find much information on the Goring URC Web site.

The Elders

Our services continue to be live streamed and recorded on our Website for later viewing :- <https://www.gurc.net>

NEXT WEEK Sunday 22nd August our Morning Service at 10.30 am will be conducted by Rev Richard Brunton. All are very welcome.

JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS – Every Monday in August at 6.00 pm in Main Hall
SENIOR TABLE TENNIS – Every Tuesday in August at 9.30 am in Main Hall

WORSHIP LEADING – A seminar part 1, led by Rev Andy Twilley, on Tuesday 17th August 7.00 – 9.00 pm in the Church. Date and time of part 2 has yet to be arranged.

SHOE BOXES

Donations for shoeboxes will be gratefully received to provide Family Boxes for Link to Hope charity. We continue with monthly themes for items needed. For August it's Toiletries: e.g.: soap / flannel / toothbrush (adult & child) / toothpaste / shampoo (300ml) / safety razors / brush / comb. Information leaflets are available at the back of the church for those who wish to make up their own boxes. Thank you.

Bett Swierk

NOTICES

CHURCH WEBSITE [gurc.net]

Please do use our website for all your information needs.

Besides the Sunday recordings with added subtitles, chapters and organ voluntaries, there are pages for:-

Chronicle, Diary of events, Hall Hire, Handbook & Directory,

Hymns & Songs, Junior Church, Home & Overseas Mission and links to Church House/Southern Synod offices.

Graham Redman – Web Master

CHURCH FLOWERS

It would be lovely to see flowers in the Sanctuary again so we hope this can be

resumed in September. The Elders have agreed that the Ministry of Flowers can continue as before. I will put up a list of dates in the vestibule. Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers for a specific Sunday, or let me know if you would like to make a donation. New flower arrangers to join the team would be very welcome. Flowers can be arranged in vases as well as formal arrangements.

Carol Webber

LAVENDER

Lavender is ready to be picked from our church front garden. You can see it and smell it as you pass by. If you would like a bunch please help yourself or

I can help you. Cut it now before it has all gone, and enjoy it at home.

Peggy Mott

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship is continuing to meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Bobby's garden, weather permitting. All gatherings start at 2.15 pm. All members are welcome for Tea, Cake and Chat! We will resume our meetings in the church buildings in September.

Bobby Hitchin

KESTRO

Kestro needs you, and if not you, your friends and neighbours. We need volunteers, drivers and helpers. We will meet from September onwards from 2 to 4 pm. on Friday afternoons. Please contact me or 01903 240688.

Vic Joy.

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